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America expresses 'significant concern' as Iraqi troops mass on Saudi border

Bush says US will consider military action

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Michael Evans in London

AS THOUSANDS of Iraqi troops in occupied Kuwait lined up on the Saudi Arabian border last night, President Bush alerted Nato allies that he would consider taking military action in the Gulf if the Iraqis invaded any other country in the region.

The troop movements towards Saudi Arabia, spotted by American reconnaissance satellites, were disclosed by Richard Boucher, of the US state department. He said the new development raised significant concern.

The threat of a military incursion across the border into Saudi Arabia could force President Bush's hand, leaving him no option but to take retaliatory military action, to try to safeguard the country's huge oil stocks, vital to the West.

Sources in Washington said that a number of contigencies had been discussed. New ship deployments to the Gulf were also announced yesterday.

As a sign of increasing alarm in the West over Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's military ambitions, two Royal Navy frigates were ordered immediately to the Gulf from Mombasa in Kenya and Penang in Malaysia, to join HMS York, a destroyer, and a supply ship, Orangeleaf, already in Dubai.

Apart from concern in Washington over stopping President Saddam's force of more than 100,000 men entering Saudi Arabia, there was growing fear over the safety of the 30,000 US citizens in the Gulf region. Mr Boucher's statement came as several sources said that the daily intelligence briefing which Mr Bush receives from his national security advisers focused on a possible Iraqi incursion into Saudi Arabia.

The Pentagon said the aircraft carrier, USS Saratoga, would leave next week for the Mediterranean. The Florida-based carrier is to relieve the USS Eisenhower, which has been on a routine deployment in the Mediterranean for six months. Although there was no acknowledged link between the Saratoga's departure, which will involve 15,000 sailors and marines, and the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, an official said it was possible the Eisenhower would not return to the US immediately. A battle group led by USS Independence, now in the Indian Ocean, is heading towards the Gulf.

Confirmation that Mr Bush was considering a military response to the Iraqis came in Brussels when a Nato official said: "The Iraqis have informed the allies (during a meeting of Nato's political committee) that it was aware that Iraq may have designs beyond Kuwait and informed them that it has drawn up contingency plans of action." Another Nato official said: "The Americans want to make it clear to Iraq that they can go no further without risking a fight."

It was claimed that American public opinion backed US military action against Iraq, although the options available appeared to be limited. They included the possibility of an amphibious assault, using marines from seaborne expeditionary units, or flying airborne divisions from the US. However it was emphasised that the American forces would be outnumbered. So far, there had been no request for military help from Saudi Arabia. Kuwait had originally appealed for military support from the West but yesterday appeared to be placing more reliance on diplomatic pressure to force the Iraqis to withdraw.

Mr Bush had a 30-minute telephone talk with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia on Thursday night. Some members of the US Congress who attended briefings asked yesterday which of the allies would be prepared to commit military forces in the event of an attack on Saudi Arabia.

According to Pentagon officials, it would take at least 45 days to mobilise and deploy to the Middle East a force capable of confronting the Iraqis. Other Arab countries, principally Saudi Arabia, would first have to be prevailed on to make their military facilities available. "It would be a logistical nightmare. We have no infrastructure in the region," one senior US Army official said.

A Pentagon official said: "US military operations would cease every place in the world if we had to support any sizeable operation in Kuwait. The effort for directing a ground confrontation would be enormous."

The prospects of Washington mounting immediate retaliatory action were considered remote. It is assembling a significant naval force in the region – with 15 ships already there – but the aircraft carrier, USS Invincible, cannot enter the Gulf and its 80 fighter and attack aircraft would be operating at the limit of their range.

The two most immediate concerns in Washnington were the fate of 14 US oil workers taken captive by the invading Iraqis – the US Embassy in Baghdad demanded to know where they had been taken – and the danger of the Iraqis moving into Saudi Arabia.

Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed forces committee, said he did not think the US had a military option "at the moment". But 81 per cent of Americans told a CNN survey that they would support US military intervention. "I believe our primary recourse should be to have intensive diplomatic activity," Mr Nunn said.

France said yesterday it would station two warships in the Gulf. A corvette, or small gunboat, was already in the Gulf. Another would join it.

One other military option was under consideration: halting Iraqi oil sales by blockading the export routes – pipelines through Turkey and Saudi Arabia and shipments from the Gulf. But it was recognised that such an action would require a rare display of international political resolve.

One sour note was sounded by Greece which said that the two US military bases on the Greek island of Crete, in southeastern Mediterranean, could not be used for any military move by the Americans in the Gulf. But as a demonstration that the new democratic governments in Eastern Europe were prepared to show solidarity with the West, the governments of Czechoslovakia and Poland announced that they were halting arms shipments to Iraq. Italy also called a halt to arms shipments.


JOHN CHAPMAN

Distraught Kuwaiti demonstrators with pictures of the emir outside the Iraqi embassy in west London yesterday

Invasion response shakes Wall St

SHARE prices fell sharply on Wall Street yesterday, as news came of a sharp rise in unemployment and reports that the US is prepared to use force in the Gulf to counter further military action by Iraq.

By early afternoon in New York the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 102.97 points at 2,761.63 in active trading.

The Dow plunged almost 65 points at the start of trading on worse-than-expected unemployment figures, which confirmed fears that the US economy was heading towards recession. The Federal Reserve Board is expected to lower interest rates in due course from the present rate of 8 per cent, but it may be worried about an early move through the inflationary impact of higher oil prices.

Unemployment rose in July from 5.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent, and non-farm employment fell by 57,000 compared with Wall Street expectations of a 120,000 increase. The figures follow earlier indications that the US economy was weak.

In London, the dollar fell half a pfennig to DM1.5929, but sterling closed up 0.3 in terms of the effective rate index at 94.2. The FTSE 100 index closed 19.9 down at 2284.6.

A fresh wave of selling developed on Wall Street following reports that the US had told its NATO allies that it was prepared to take a tough stand in the Gulf.

The announcement, made at a meeting of senior NATO officials in Brussels to discuss Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, was the clearest indication yet that Washington might move from economic sanctions to military action against Iraq.

The prospect of wider military conflict in the Gulf has raised investors' fears of a disruption to oil supplies and further sharp price rises.

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Tough world response may influence Saddam

By Andrew McEwen and Robin Oakley

IRAQ yesterday faced a tougher and more united world response to its aggression than it could have expected, improving the chances that diplomatic pressure might stop it threatening Saudi Arabia.

James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, issued an unusual joint statement saying that Moscow had cut off arms supplies to Baghdad, and Washington had frozen Iraqi bank accounts. The statement demanded that other countries also stop sending arms to Iraq. Japan, West Germany and Italy joined America, Britain and France in freezing Kuwait's assets to prevent Iraq gaining control of them.

Tass, in a criticism of a former Soviet ally that would previously have been unthinkable, called Baghdad "a permanent source of tension". The Gulf states broke their silence with a strong condemnation of the invasion of Kuwait, and Egypt called on Iraq to withdraw its forces.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said Britain would support sanctions. The cabinet met under Sir Geoffrey Howe to consider Britain's response. Mrs Thatcher was consulted by telephone in Colorado.

Mr Hurd said Britain would press for agreement on sanctions at a European Community meeting in Rome today. He hoped this would intensify pressure on the United Nations to adopt comprehensive sanctions. Thomas Pickering, the US ambassador at the UN, said the Security Council was discussing economic and military sanctions which could be adopted within 24 hours.

King Husain of Jordan flew to Baghdad for talks with President Saddam Hussein and announced on his return that Arab leaders would meet in Jedda on Sunday to discuss the invasion. President Saddam is to attend.

Yesterday's moves all suggested that President Saddam may have miscalculated in assuming that the world would be too weak and divided to react effectively to his drive into Kuwait. An embargo on buying Iraqi oil was beginning to look likely.

It had seemed during the first 24 hours that Iraq's Arab neighbours would be easily intimidated. But Kuwait's partners in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) condemned the invasion and demanded an immediate withdrawal.

The council – Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates – is usually much more cautious. "The GCC condemns the Iraqi attack on its sister, Kuwait, and demands an unconditional and immediate withdrawal of its troops to their positions before August 1, 1990," it said.

The American plan under discussion at the UN is based on sanctions imposed against Rhodesia in 1967 and on the 1977 UN arms embargo against South Africa. Any UN action would be taken under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, which provides for sanctions and, in extreme cases, military force.

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North Sea dispute worsens

By Kerry Gill

THE North Sea oil industry dispute worsened yesterday when it was reported that more than 1,000 workers on six platforms had refused to be flown to the mainland after holding a 24-hour strike.

According to the unofficial offshore industry liaison committee, which ordered the latest wave of unrest, almost 1,300 men were staging a sit-in. Shell, the company worst hit by the strikes, said all those who had taken part in the would be flown ashore as helicopters became available, but admitted some men were sitting in. BP said some of its workers had refused to fly.

Last night the Offshore Contractors Council, which represents management, said that any worker who refused to leave a Shell or BP platform would be dismissed.

The rolling programme of wildcat strikes had affected more than 60 platforms by early yesterday after thousands of workers were called out by the committee. Its members are fighting to improve safety and gain union recognition offshore.

Ronald McDonald, the group's chairman, said men on four Shell platforms had refused to leave in spite of requests by management. On BP's Clyde platform, 45 men refused to leave. The company said: "We sent three helicopters to the Clyde platform, but the men refused to go and the aircraft came back empty." Both companies said that oil production was not affected.

Mr McDonald said: "It shows the feeling of the men and their determination to seek real solutions to the many problems." If the men staging sit-ins were improperly treated, further strike action would be accelerated, Mr McDonald said.

Last night, Ron Brown, Labour MP for Leith, last night, gave his backing to the sit-in. He said: "I urge them not to move until the oil companies concede to their demands on safety."

● Petrol prices in the Irish Republic are to go up by five Irish pence a gallon from Wednesday, Des O'Malley, the industry minister, announced. The increase is not related to the Gulf crisis and further rises are expected.

Britain basks in hottest day on record

By Keren David

THE burning question yesterday was whether it would become the hottest day yet in Britain. At 3pm the record fell, when an unmanned meteorological office station at Nailstone, near Leicester, read 37C (99F), one degree over the previous high set on August 9, 1911.

Local records tumbled across the country. Central London's record set in 1940 was broken with a reading of 35C (95F). Nottingham had its hottest day at 34.7C (94F). Cambridge botanical gardens and Barbourne, near Worcester equalled the 1911 records wth readings of 36.7C (98F).

William Hill, the bookmakers, stood to lose £150,000 when the record was broken. The odds on Britain reaching 100F this year shortened from 7/1 to 5/2. One record still standing is 1976's claim to be the best summer on record, when temperatures of 89.8F were recorded on 13 consecutive days. This year is likely to rival 1989's records as the warmest year in Britain since 1659 and the sunniest since 1909.

In Barbourne, Paul Damari who runs the weather station, was delighted to equal the British record. He said: "It was very exciting when it went past Thursday's figure and equalled the record. Barbourne will go down in history now and it's great to be a part of that."

At the London Weather Centre, the central collecting point for about 100 recording stations, there was little excitement. A computer display showed a constantly changing figure for the centre's roof temperature. There was only the smallest flicker of interest from the scientists as the display passed London's record. "We're really a bit blasé about all this," Richard Edgar, a press officer, said. "It's the press and the public who get more interested in records."

Amateur weatherman around the country reported readings even higher than 99F. Tom Nott of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, took a reading of 104F in the shade in his garden.

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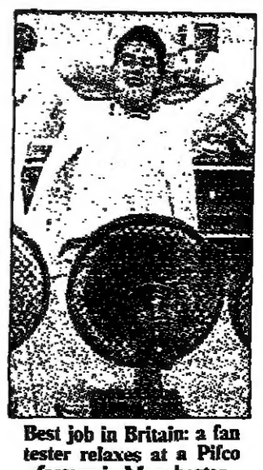

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Senior police may get extra pay to reward experience

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

BRITAIN'S senior police officers may receive extra money, as a reward for experience and the responsibility of their positions, under police pay proposals being considered by David Waddington, the home secretary.

The general proposals, based on a formula drawn from national pay trends from May 1989 to May 1990, would give all ranks a basic 9.75 per cent pay increase from September. Senior officers from assistant chief constable and above could also be eligible for an additional 2.5 per cent increase. The rise is the largest the police have received since 1982, and is almost certain to be accepted by the home secretary.

It would raise the pay of a new constable from £9,900 a year to £10,866 a year and, at the other end of the scale, take the pay of a chief superintendent from a basic £31,131 to £34,167. In London, officers also get allowances worth another £2,100.

At the top of the tree the salary of a chief constable, with a force covering a population of up to 400,000, would rise from £43,749 to £48,009, while the man in charge of a large urban force could expect to see his salary go from £55,608 to £61,029, under the plan. The annual salary of the chief constable of the RUC would rise to £68,925 from £62,802. The proposals also suggest a long service increment for officers at the rank of assistant chief constable or above. If they have held their current ranks for three years or more, they would get an additional 2.5 per cent in a scheme starting in August 1991.

If the home secretary accepts the proposal, worth more than £1,000 a year to the most senior provincial chief constables, it will be a victory for the Association of Chief Police Officers. The increment was first floated two years ago as part of a package which was eventually watered turned down by Douglas Hurd, the then home secretary, much to the anger of senior police.

They have argued that their pay has slipped back, compared with pay awards to other public service managers. Police claim extra pay is needed to encourage talented officers to make the attempt to reach top command, and want extra cash to cover the demands of the job.

The proposal has been framed to avoid putting a large burden on the pay bill for 1989/90 and covers only a percentage of officers, but comes at a time when police performance and finances are under considerable examination. There are already forecasts from senior officers that, within a few years, the top ranks may be working with short-term contracts.

● Policewomen in the West Midlands are being offered up to five years' maternity leave to counter the loss of experienced and trained officers as a result of pregnancy. The force is also promising that those who return to work within three years will keep the rank they had reached.

Women comprise 14 per cent of the 6,800-strong West Midlands force, and 22 resign every year for maternity reasons. Fifty women who have left during the past two years have been told of the new scheme, and three have said they will apply to rejoin.

Sergeant Simon Cross, research and development officer for the West Midlands force, said: "A lot of women get to the stage where they think they could not physically cope with running a career and bringing up a child at the same time, so they resign. This scheme gives them five years to create a bond and be with their child until it starts school."

Woman barrister to run fraud office

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

THE Whitehall establishment has broken new ground by appointing a leading woman barrister as director of the Serious Fraud Office.

Barbara Mills, QC, a criminal barrister, has been involved in some of the most celebrated Central Criminal Court cases since she took silk in 1986. She prosecuted Michael Fagan, who broke into Buckingham Palace in 1982 and talked with the Queen in her bedroom, and was defence counsel in the trial of the murderers of the policeman hacked to death in the 1985 Tottenham riot. She is a member of the prosecution team in the Guinness trial.

Before taking silk, Mrs Mills, aged 49, who has four children, was a junior Treasury counsel. She was called to the Bar in 1963. She takes up her new job next month, when John Wood, the director, becomes director of public prosecutions in Hong Kong.

Mrs Mills is joining an organisation which, by its own admission, has still to reach maturity. Mr Wood said recently that the 19 lawyers and 20 accountants under his direction had made great strides in pursuing complicated fraud cases but still had far to go to achieve their aim of cleaning up the City. He has called the team's prosecution record reasonable.

The Serious Fraud Office has been criticised for taking too long to bring cases to court. There is also a feeling, which Mr Wood thinks is unjustified, that the team's "hit-rate" is not high enough. He says that most big fraud cases are by definition difficult to investigate and that his officials should not expect to win every case.

The office was launched in April 1988 and has an annual budget of £11 million and a staff of around 100. Forty-seven of the 69 defendants it has prosecuted have been convicted. Three cases are part heard, 26 are awaiting trial or committal proceedings and another 32 are being investigated.

Mrs Mills, who was not available for comment yesterday, once said in an interview that no one could say that having children had held her career back. "I've made it my business to put in 105 per cent of effort in this respect. I've hacked out an unusual role, and I think I may have contributed to a change in attitude."

Her husband, John, is a former deputy Labour leader of Camden council, and former deputy chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation.

Barbara Mills: hacked out an unusual role

DAVE MOXEY

Up, up and away: Pilots competing in the world hot-air airship championships manoeuvring sedately but with precision at 12mph yesterday round Hardwick village church in the grounds of Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire

Vicars back Carey over assessments

By Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Reporter

NEARLY all Church of England clergymen believe that they should be assessed regularly and most believe they should be removed from office if they are substandard, according to a diocesan survey published yesterday.

The results are in line with the views of Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury designate, who has said that vicars and other incumbents should have regular competency tests. Most of the 200 clergymen responding to the survey, in the diocese of Chelmsford, said they were inadequately supervised. Nine out of ten called for regular assessments and six out of ten said they should be fired if their work was not satisfactory.

Nearly half said stipends were too low to meet the needs of parochial clergy. Clergy in Chelmsford earn about £300 above the national minimum of £10,500, but more than a third said stipends were too low to encourage enough people to join the ministry.

More than a third said they should be allowed to buy their own homes instead of living in tied accommodation. Six out of ten, however, were unwilling to lose the independence and benefits associated with the parson's freehold to qualify for the rights and safeguards they would have as employees.

Canon John Williams, team rector at Forest Gate and a former chairman of the House of Clergy in the Chelmsford Diocesan Synod, said vicars wanted to be "more normal and treated like other people.

"I thought it was rather good for 62 per cent of the clergy to be happy to be fired if they did not come up to scratch, although many made the point that help should be offered first. This gives a different view of the clergy to the one many people have had in the past. The church is changing and that is reflected in the appointment of Dr Carey. He is a man who is close to the grass roots."

He said many argued that pay should not be important in a vocational career, but one clergyman questioned whether there was an "essential link between vocation and poverty". Others said that they did not mind poverty but felt their families should not be forced to suffer too.

Canon Williams said: "A neighbour of mine has just been to Dorset in a tent. A camping holiday was all he could afford. Many clergy would like to feel they had enough money to buy a retirement home and pay off a mortgage while they are working."

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Cardinal's Oxford dream is realised

A HUNDRED years after his death, one of the dearest hopes of Cardinal John Henry Newman is to be realised with the foundation in Oxford of a Roman Catholic oratory as a centre of prayer and study (Ruth Gledhill writes).

Newman, a fellow of Oriel College, was one of the founders of the Oxford Movement that sought to revive Christian tradition and ritual in Anglicanism. The movement, sometimes called the Tractarians, marked the start of the Anglo-Catholic party in the Church of England.

After Newman's conversion to Rome he avoided the city in which he had spent many years as an Anglican priest, but he always hoped to open a religious house there similar to his oratory at Birmingham and to the Brompton Oratory in London. His wishes were frustrated by members of the English Catholic hierarchy who opposed the idea of Roman Catholics being educated at Oxford.

A priest from the Birmingham Oratory has been invited to take charge of the parish of St Aloysius, Oxford, and to start the oratory in the large house attached to the church. The Birmingham fathers will send two priests and a student to Oxford from September. The Most Rev Maurice Couve de Murville, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, invited the fathers to send a priest to St Aloysius 100 years after the death of Cardinal Newman on August 11 1890. Oxford University honoured Newman's memory with a series of public lectures and a formal dinner earlier this year.

● A leading religious publishing company, Darton, Longman and Todd, is now owned by its staff. The company's founder, Michael Longman, who died in 1978, left his majority shareholding to the company with instructions for a move to common ownership.

Industrial advisers to be recruited for schools

By David Tytler, Education Editor

SENIOR industrialists from some of Britain's major companies are being recruited by John MacGregor, the education secretary, to set the standards for schools this decade.

Mr MacGregor is expected to announce early next week significant changes to two of the government's most important advisory bodies, the National Curriculum Council (NCC) and the Schools Examination and Assessment Council (Seac). The education secretary believes that the two councils have been weighted in favour of the education establishment, with most members coming from universities and local education authorities. He has decided to use his powers of appointment to shift the balance.

At least three of the 15 members of the NCC, which decides what should be taught in the ten compulsory subjects in the national curriculum, are to be replaced by senior managers from companies including BP and Unilever. Mr MacGregor is also expected to appoint a head teacher from a school that has opted out of local authority control to one of the councils, to show that he believes grant-maintained schools are an increasingly important part of education in England and Wales.

Similar changes are expected at Seac, which is responsible for overseeing the GCSE and A-levels and the introduction of the compulsory tests to be introduced alongside the national curriculum. These changes will probably be limited to two of the 15 council members.

The minister has been working on the changes since his return from West Germany earlier this summer, where he was impressed by the close links between industry and education which have led to high standards of training not yet achieved in the United Kingdom. He has met senior managers of Britain's leading companies regularly to seek their help in ensuring that the education service in England and Wales can meet the needs of 1992.

Mr MacGregor has said that Britain will only be able to hold its own in the single European market if it has a highly-trained workforce. He has now concluded that this can only be achieved if industry has a voice in what children are taught.

A department of education insider said: "He believes the schools must be given a clearer idea of what the needs of industry are and then provide the school-leavers they need. These appointments are one way of helping to achieve this."

The members of the two councils serve for between one and three years. The appointments will be seen as an answer to his right-wing Conservative critics who claimed that he has gone soft on the reforms introduced by Kenneth Baker, his predecessor.

Library pleas go unheard

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspoondent

THE British Library is to resist pleas by eminent scholars to retain the round reading room of the British Museum as its main humanities research centre.

A private report compiled by a committee including Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Lord Blake and Lord Thomas of Swynnerton has been sent to David Mellor, the arts minister. The report calls for the reading room in Bloomsbury to be retained by the British Library when the first phase of its new St Pancras building opens in 1993.

A spokesman for the library said yesterday that it would be impossible to accede to the request at this stage. "We have discussed the possibilities of keeping the reading room with experts in great detail over at least the last year, and they are not practical. It would mean a major redesign of Professor Colin St John Wilson's building, and we are too far along the road to make changes now, even if we wanted to."

He said the £25 million saving that the report claims would be made by ferrying the 100 million volumes to the new building and removing the new humanities reading room from the design is questionable. The advantages of providing better, and faster, services to readers and improving storage conditions in the new building would be lost, he said, and in the long term the expense of running two sites would cost more than the claimed savings.

The room will not be destroyed, however, but is to revert to the British Museum, where a committee of staff and trustees is compiling a report on its future. The committee is likely to recommend it becomes a study centre.

£1m credit card fraud warning

Credit card holders and shopkeepers were warned yesterday of a £1 million fraud involving more than 1,000 unsigned Access and Visa cards. The cards were stolen in two mailbag raids on the London to Exeter train, in which bags bound for Exeter from Access at Southend and TSB Visa at Brighton were snatched.

The police did not know how many cards were missing, and most have not appeared on the blacklist of stolen cards because they have yet to be reported. Detectives want cardholders in Devon who have not received replacements due in June to report the fact to their banks.

All the cards were with details of their credit limits, and it is feared they may include some "no limit" gold cards. A major fraud enquiry is now under way.

Driver impaled

A lorry driver was killed yesterday when he was impaled on a metal tube. The man aged 45 was sitting in his cab at Dudley Tube, Bilston, West Midlands, when a load of steel tubing slipped as it was hoisted on to his wagon. West Midlands police said a length of tubing crashed through the rear of the cab and speared him through the back, killing him instantly. He has not been named.

Captain fined

Kalervo Puskala, a Finnish-born sea captain, returned to his ship, which is anchored in a Spanish port, after being fined £1,500 with £500 costs at Truro Crown Court yesterday for getting drunk on vodka after the 2,500 ton *Bonita* ran aground on rocks. The vessel went off course after leaving harbour in Fowey, Cornwall, last October, and ran aground at Polridmouth Cove.

Driving ban

Lord Henry Norreys, heir to the fourteenth Earl of Lindsey and Abingdon, was banned from driving for three years and four months by Marylebone magistrates' court, in central London, yesterday. Lord Norreys, aged 32, of Sorn, Mauchline, Ayrshire, was arrested after a party on June 22 when he was found to be driving after having consumed more than double the legal alcohol limit.

Rock fall escape

Brian Foulston, aged 55, was recovering yesterday after a boulder weighing 1½ tons tumbled 300 yards from the Great Ormie headland and smashed the roof of of his car in Ty Gwyn Road, Llandudno, North Wales. Mr Foulston, an insurance collector, of Cambrian Drive, Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, escaped with a head cut needing five stitches, but the car may be an insurance write-off.

CORRECTION

A photograph in today's Saturday Review shows Neil Simon with his former wife, Marsha Mason; not Diane Simon, his current wife.

£2.3m for orphaned daughter

A YOUNG woman received £2.3 million yesterday from her father's will, four months after her family died in an aircraft crash.

Sarah Lilley's father Norman, aged 45, a self-made millionaire, her mother Susan, aged 44, brother Mark, aged 24, and his fiancée Marie Wilson were all killed after their aircraft broke up in mid-air over Bayeux, Normandy, as the party flew back to their home at Ampleforth, North Yorkshire, from the family villa in Spain.

Geoff Grewer, a family friend for more than 20 years, said yesterday: "The crash came a few weeks before the family were to have a double celebration for Sarah's 21st birthday and Norman and Susan's silver wedding anniversary. She told me she is back working as a mobile hairdresser, which is good news."

● The £1,571,282 record damages awarded in the High Court last week to John Lambert, a former airline pilot who was paralysed in a motorcycle accident, is to be challenged in the Court of Appeal.

A spokesman for the insurers of Devon county council, the highway authority responsible for the road where the accident happened nine years ago, said it would also appeal against the refusal of Judge Black, QC, to allow it to contest the claim on liability.

EC laws could cost £1 bn in banned advertising

By Melinda Wittstock, Media Correspondent

LEGISLATION being drafted in Brussels restricting advertising of alcohol, tobacco, food, pharmaceuticals and even childrens' toys in the European Community has come under attack by the Advertising Association, Britain's industry trade body.

Advertising revenue in the UK alone could fall by more than £1 billion if directives banning tobacco advertising and severely restricting alcohol and pharmaceutical advertising are adopted, the association said yesterday.

The Advertising Association said that there was "a real and imminent danger" that the EC would adopt the most restrictive of national regulations throughout the Community, such as the Greek ban on advertising of toys on television or France's ban on television advertising of alcohol. It fears the EC will also restrict all alcohol advertising in the press.

In a study published yesterday, *A Freedom Under Threat? – Advertising in the EC*, the association warned that £800 million worth of alcohol advertising revenue was at risk. Another £200 million would be lost if the EC implements a ban restricting press and poster advertising of tobacco products. MEPs across the Community have already proposed a complete ban on tobacco advertising, including a ban on sponsorship. Italy and Portugal have already instituted such a ban and France, Belgium and Spain are to follow suit by the end of this year.

Another directive would stop food manufacturers claiming their products have nutritive value. Claims which cannot be substantiated, claims that everyday foods cannot supply adequate nutrition, claims that "knock" other foods, and claims that a foodstuff has acquired extra nutritive value from additives will be illegal. "It will stop us from telling consumers why our products are good for them," the study said.

Richard Wade, director general of the Advertising Association, said: "To deny consumers advertising that is legal, decent, honest and truthful is denying the basic right to inform. If detailed legislation stifles the ability of companies to market their wares freely, the EC institutions could justifiably be accused of erecting barriers to market entry, hardening monopoly positions where they exist, discouraging product innovation and stagnating market shares – in other words, of enhancing all the negative qualities of the original fragmented European market."

The study, which exhorts all UK advertisers to lobby their MPs and MEPs to fight the EC proposals, said: "Each new law or ban encourages others. If we don't challenge some of the proposals coming out we fail both ourselves and the industry."

● Saatchi & Saatchi has forecast that Spain will overtake France as the fifth biggest advertising spender in the world by 1992. The Saatchi study also forecast that expenditure on advertising throughout Europe will have grown to £38.4 billion a year – £13.5 billion more than was spent last year. By 2001, the European advertising market will be larger than the US market, if European expenditure continues to grow at 11 per cent and the US maintains its sluggish five per cent rate.

Teenager duped bank in £1m shares prank

A TEENAGE baker who duped bankers into issuing him with £100,000 worth of water shares and a £900,000 cheque walked free from a court yesterday after being fined £300 with £250 costs.

Judge Gibbs said that the case was exceptional and bizarre. He was amazed that bank officials had been fooled by a simple prank and said he would not send the youth to prison because he was satisfied the episode had been intended as a prank.

Malik Larbe, aged 19, had just £6 in his account when he applied for £1 million worth of shares when Severn Trent Water Authority was privatised last October. Larbe, from The Scotlands, Wolverhampton, admitted charges of stealing a £900,000 cheque belonging to Lloyds Bank and an interim share certificate belonging to Severn Trent PLC.

Trevor Davies, for the prosecution, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that Larbe had completed an application form for £1 million of shares and wrote out a Co-op Bank cheque from his brother's account.

"The cheque was in the sum of £1 million, signed by the defendant. In fact the bank account had been closed in January of last year and there was nothing in the account.

"The application was processed by the NatWest Bank and forwarded to Lloyds Bank for completion. This particular share issue was over-subscribed, so all the share applications were scaled down. The defendant's share application was scaled down to £100,000 of shares and a share certificate was sent to his address together with a refund cheque for £900,000," he said.

Mr Davies said that when Larbe received the documents he took them to Barclays Bank in Wolverhampton and tried to sell the shares and cash the cheque. A bank official became suspicious and made further enquiries, which revealed that Larbe had just £6 in his Barclays account. Police were alerted and the teenager was arrested.

Peter De Mille, for the defence, said that Larbe had been planning to buy £200 worth of shares with holiday money he was owed by his employer. When that money was not paid, out of a sense of frustration and "for the hell of it", he had applied for £1 million of shares, using a cheque of his brother's from an account that had been closed.

"It is astonishing that a cheque on a personal account for £1 million sent by him in a name that does not appear on that cheque should have been accepted and that the shares should have been issued. And perhaps even more so, that the refund for £900,000 should have been sent to him before the cheque had been cleared," Mr De Mille said.

Three days after the cheque and certificate arrived, Larbe took them to Barclays Bank in Wolverhampton where he had an account containing just £6.

"Even at that stage he wasn't wholly expecting the bank to honour the documents that would have given him £1 million in cash," he added.

Malik Larbe: wrote out cheque for £1 million

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ANDREW BOURNE

Relief from the heat: young swimmers keeping cool in the river Cam at Cambridge yesterday. Elsewhere in the country an ice-making machine overheated and a life-sized waxwork knight melted into a puddle

Beat the heat tips to drivers as fire warnings go out

By Keren David

BRITAIN was inundated with heatwave advice yesterday for every activity from dish-washing to driving.

The dangers of swimming in hot weather were highlighted as police frogmen searched for a man aged 22 who drowned in a flooded opencast coalmine at West Hallam, Derbyshire. The man, from Ilkeston, Derbyshire, was believed to have suffered cramps. A holidaymaker died of a suspected heart attack at Widemouth Bay, Cornwall, after helping children in trouble in the sea.

Ramblers were warned of the risks of starting fires in tinderbox conditions. Firemen in Surrey, Hampshire and Gwent fought woodland blazes which swept across dry land.

The Luton district council appealed to people to "share your bath with a tree" by throwing used water on to the roots of parched plants. A similar appeal for dishwashing water went out at Windsor, where the castle gardens have shrivelled.

The RAC issued warnings of "homicidal tendencies" afflicting motorists trapped in stifling traffic jams, and gave a ten-point list of guidelines including the use of old towels as window shades and the magic words "Be Patient".

Problems in store for motorway drivers this weekend could range from melting roads to roadside fires caused by discarded cigarette stubs, the AA said. At Heathrow airport one of the main runways was shut for several hours as newly laid tarmac failed to set.

Weaver fish bearing poisonous spikes lurked off the coast of west Wales, coastguards said. Poisonous blue-green algae contaminated a lake near Reading. There were several contenders for the day's most revolting story. The red, inch-long worms that invaded a children's paddling pool near Cleethorpes turned out to be harmless midge larvae. The entire stock of a Liverpool chocolate shop melted.

There was hot competition for the nation's most enviable job. A frontrunner was Colin Howard, who bought a thermal anorak yesterday to wear for work in the freezer room at Walls' ice-cream factory in Gloucester. Staff at Pifco's quality control department in Manchester, who are paid to test electric fans, were happy in their work. Workers at Perivale Ice in west London said people did not realise how hard it was to produce 20 tonnes of ice a day. Andrew Coughlan, the manager, said: "We are sold out and our machines have overheated."

Staff at Fortnum and Mason's store in Piccadilly, central London, may feel a little hot under the collar after being told that they cannot shed their traditional black frock coats today. Coventry police were ordered to put their ties back on after an outbreak of open collars, and shorts were banned for taxi drivers in Worcester. However, at Goodwood's Richmond enclosure strict dress regulations were relaxed to allow male racegoers to remove their jackets.

The heatwave uncovered some strange sights: a cache of stolen antique weapons was found at Eton when the Thames's level dropped by several inches and a passer-by saw gun barrels. At Stansted Mountfitchet castle in Essex, a life-sized waxwork knight melted into a puddle.

Firemen called to a fire in Buckley, Clwyd, were amazed to find smoke pouring from Bob Williams's electric blanket. "I just hate getting into a cold bed and use the blanket to warm the bed all year round," he said.

The heatwave was cleared of responsibility for stopping the clock of Big Ben which has been refusing to pass 5 o'clock for the past three days. Engineers yesterday pinpointed the fault as a rogue bearing and worked through the day on the troubled eastern face of the clock after it had stopped three times in 36 hours, each time about 5.15.

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Friendliness glows amid loosened ties

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Correspondent

FOR the first time in 25 years, Professor Cary Cooper wore shorts to his university office yesterday. The heatwave had stirred memories of his native California and prompted the thought that leisure wear might be good for British business.

The heat of the moment offered new insights into human behaviour, with psychologists predicting symptoms ranging from fatigue and frustration to an excess of friendliness. Professor Cooper is head of organisational psychology at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and a leading authority on stress in the workplace. "Hot weather encourages us to dress more informally for work, and that in turn may help us conduct our business in a more informal way," he said.

Loosening the old school tie or, better still, taking it off, could prevent executives getting too hot under the collar and make them friendlier towards their colleagues and business contacts, he said. "There should be positive results from a more relaxed attitude. Companies should be more flexible when there is a long hot spell. They could encourage people to come to work much earlier in the morning, when it's cool, and leave sooner.

"Better still, they could tell some of their staff to stay at home and work from there. It's a lot more pleasant to make your business calls from a deckchair in the garden than from behind your desk. Productivity might suffer, but in heat like this it is going to suffer anyway."

With fewer people going to work, trains, buses and motorways would be less crowded, making commuting quicker and less stressful, he said. The heat was likely to provoke anger, aggression and frustration among drivers stuck in jams, but Professor Cooper doubted the view, expressed by the RAC yesterday, that it could trigger violence in some motorists.

Peter Cook, the RAC's rescue services manager, said: "Traffic delays in stifling conditions can lead to homicidal tendencies. It is important to avoid both car and driver boiling over."

Heatwaves provoke violent outbreaks in New York and Washington, but John Bonn, professor of psychological medicine at City University, London, said: "In conditions like these, I would expect lethargy and fatigue to be more common than aggression. There is no doubt that excessive heat can lead to physiological stress, but there is little evidence of its psychological effects in this country.

"The police in New York dread the summer because they know it correlates with an increase in violent crime, but there are many factors which make a similar trend unlikely in this country."

Cooper: memories of his native California

Scientists claim tidal waves may hit Britain

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

BRITAIN'S northeastern coastline is threatened by waves capable of devastating coastal towns and cities, three scientists have claimed. Geological studies indicate that submarine landslips have occurred in the Norwegian Sea, causing tidal waves to crash south on to the British coast, submerging ancient communities and plunging large tracts of land under floods up to 20 metres deep.

The geologists, David Smith and Alastair Lawson, of Coventry Polytechnic, and David Long, of the marine geology unit of the British Geological Survey, undertook their research as part of the European Commission's Climatology Programme. Their findings have been published in the magazine *New Scientist*.

They believe that the unstable, natural forces that cause the tsunami waves are still active in the region, and that global warming and a rise in sea levels would make the arrival of tsunami waves even more calamitous for life, buildings and land. Plans for nuclear power stations and nuclear waste sites should take the threat into account, they say.

Scientists have long been puzzled by unusual layers of sand found along the northern and eastern coastline of Scotland. The British researchers believe that the clue to their formation may lie in evidence of huge ocean bed landslips, called Storegga slides, at the southern tip of the Norwegian Sea, recently discovered by scientists at the Continental Institute in Trondheim, Norway. These landslips may have been triggered by earthquakes.

"We believe that the similarity in age between the second Storegga slide and the unusual sand layer of eastern Scotland is more than a coincidence. It seems likely that the second slide caused a tsunami wave that threw up the sand on to a wide area of the coast of northern Britain. A tsunami in the North Sea is not merely a historical curiosity. It could well happen again," the scientists say.

Unstable deposits that slip after an earthquake and cause the formation of huge waves in the ocean are still evident on many areas of northwest Europe's sea floor. Since 1983 three of northwest Europe's strongest earthquakes have been within 100 kilometres of the Storegga area.

Measure for measure in the nervous nineties

By Bill Burroughs

WHENEVER the temperature rises above 90°F (32.2°C) in Britain, we reach for the record books to see how current extremes compare with those of the past. It is hard to accept that such heat is not that exceptional in southern England. What is odder is that we take for granted figures about it being well over 100°F in the sun. We make far less fuss when we are given exaggerated figures about the heat in sporting arenas such as Wimbledon and Lord's than we do over apparently much lower shade temperatures.

This confusion arises from the fact that, out in the open, the observed temperature depends on how efficiently the thermometer and its surroundings absorb the sun's rays. It is common knowledge that on a summer's day the asphalt-paved, concrete-lined canyons of big cities are far hotter than the surrounding countryside. This, however, tells us more about the locality than it does about the weather.

It is for this reason that meteorologists place rigorous standards on measuring the shade temperature. Ideally, it should be taken in a well-ventilated specially designed shelter over open-mown grass. This is the most accurate measure of how extreme the weather is, as it effectively provides a figure for the lowest shade temperature normally found out in the open.

In England the highest possible shade temperature is probably about 100°F (38.2°C). The perfect conditions for this are when the country is covered by a static anti-cyclone which wafts hot dry air from the Continent. When combined with a dry spell so little heat is wasted on evaporating surface moisture that the mercury readily soars into the 90s in July or August.

The oft-quoted 100.5° (38.5°C) all-time British high, observed at Tunbridge Wells on July 22, 1868, is regarded with suspicion. It was recorded in the fore-runner of modern instrument shelters and hence was more susceptible to some direct heating from the sun. It is generally accepted that the hottest day for which reliable records are available was August 9, 1911, when several places recorded figures of 97°F (36.1°C) and 98°F (36.6°C).

More recently, there has been occasion that exceeded the current heatwave. Last year, the highest figure was 93.6°F (34.2°C), and in July 1983 there were a number of days in the low 90s. But pride of place goes to 1976, which had two or three days which came within a degree of so of matching the 1911 record.

More significantly, it featured 15 consecutive days with maxima of 90°F (32.2°C) or more, which exceeds by a factor of three any other heatwave on record. The fact that it has been hotter in the past is not much consolation for those who have to work in sweltering heat and can only grumble about the the greenhouse effect.

High noon: office workers enjoying a splash in the fountain in Trafalgar Square in London

Hidden hazards of cooling-off swim

By Mark Souster

WITH the death rate from drowning doubling in the heatwave, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents yesterday repeated its warning to the public on swimming in potentially lethal inland waters in Britain.

The society says that while the temptation to jump into the nearest water to cool off may be irresistible, people should be aware of the dangers. So far this year 275 people have drowned in Great Britain, two-thirds in lakes, rivers, and reservoirs, according to the society. It advises people to use one of the 3,000 public swimming pools, where qualified lifeguards are on duty, or one of the 401 bathing beaches which have been designated safe by the government.

Not one of Britain's 7,000 inland water areas is a designated bathing area. It is illegal and dangerous to swim in reservoirs, which can be cold beneath the surface whatever the air temperature, and technical equipment below the waterline poses additional problems. With water levels low, the risk of a broken neck from diving into shallow areas is increased, the society says.

Other inland waters, such as quarries, canals and lakes are equally hazardous although swimming in them is at one's own peril. Dangers faced by swimmers include sudden cramp from cold waters, unexpectedly strong currents, and hidden submerged objects as well as water shallower than expected. The majority of this year's victims have been young men, aged between 15 and 30, who may have been eating and drinking or showing off to friends by diving in to cool off, Becky Kirkwood, the development officer of the society's water safety division said yesterday.

People do not realise the difference between swimming in the controlled environment of a pool and and inland waters, she said. Of those who have drowned, many have been good swimmers who have often disappeared without a struggle, she added.

Mrs Kirkwood said: "Last year 83 people drowned during June when there was a similar heatwave. People should not swim in rivers, canals, quarries and reservoirs. The price of a good summer seems to be the pointless deaths of fit, healthy young people who cannot wait to cool off. This must be stopped."

Those people who ignore the warnings may also face additional hazards from the outbreak of potentially toxic blue green algae which has affected 279 inland waters so far this summer.

The problem is most severe in the Thames, Anglia and Wessex regions where a general alert is in force. Algae can cause illnesses ranging from skin rashes and eye irritation to vomiting, diarrhoea and fever.

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Staggering the great August exodus keeps hotlines open

FOR the next three weeks the chances of finding the right civil servant, local authority official or even business contact at the end of a telephone line will be slightly less remote than is usual when Europe makes the most of the dog days of August and basks in the sun.

For the first time in the 200 years since the industrial revolution set the working habits of millions, there are signs that more people are prepared, or even ordered, to work through the summer heat. A combination of crowded roads and resorts, economic decline and the move from heavy industrial production to largely service-based economies has led some countries within the EC to encourage a greater spread of the holiday season.

In Britain, this is happening almost by default. Last year, for example, only 22 per cent of long holidays began in August compared with 26 per cent ten years earlier. At the same time, according to a survey by the English Tourist Board, the number of holidays taken outside the main four summer months rose from 17 per cent to 22 per cent. It is a trend that is expected to continue and the British Tourist Authority is pressing for further staggering of the season.

Central to the situation are school holidays, a problem that some countries have tackled. The Netherlands has been divided into three regions, each with different school holiday dates. "It has been a marvellous success," said Henry Kol, of the Dutch embassy in London. "Everyone knows for the next three years when their schools will be on holiday and there is an unwritten rule among employers that people with young children will get first choice of their holidays."

With 1.5 million children at school in The Netherlands this means that a large proportion of the population is removed from the holiday peak at a stroke. The idea has been canvassed in Britain too, the main idea being to divide the school year into four terms.

British education authorities can choose summer holiday dates. Schools in Scotland, for example, break up as early as the beginning of July, whereas those in southern counties have often taken holidays from mid-August to September.

Other factors are playing an increasing role in changing the shape of the British summer holiday. "Until five years ago a three-week long holiday was the norm, whereas today it is five," the Institute of Directors says. "This has allowed far greater flexibility for people to choose to take their holidays outside the main season, even though our research has shown that only 15 per cent of directors actually take their full holiday entitlement."

The gradual shut down of heavy industry has also led to the end of the traditional Wakes Weeks. The days when several hundred thousand Glaswegians for example, would board up to 50 special trains to take them "doon the watter", to resorts such as Dunoon, Rothesay and Millport, leaving industrial Clydeside a desert, are over.

Ken Smith, acting director of the CBI Scotland, said that the change in Scots' holiday patterns had come about because of social and economic change north of the Border. The old industrial and manufacturing heartland of Scotland has all but disappeared. As a result, the annual Glasgow Fair two-week holiday has gone too, with employees able to stagger their holidays throughout July and August.

During the Glasgow Fair, industry would shut down for annual maintenance and repair. The shipyards, which in their prime employed about 60,000 people on the Clyde, lay still. Nowadays, three-fifths of the population are employed in service industries that have no close season and people are urged to be as flexible as possible in taking their break, be it in Blackpool, the Isle of Man or Teneriffe.

The CBI maintains that the run down in heavy industry and the switch to service industries, such as tourism, is also leading to more demand for workers to remain at their posts throughout the period. "This year, this is even more marked because of the economic downturn," a spokesman said. "Every order is vital and therefore salesmen and managers are beavering away throughout the summer with no chance of easing off at all."

The British Chamber of Commerce has also noted the trend to take holidays earlier or later. "More people seem to find working during August an attractive option with air-conditioned offices and the chance of getting on with paper work without being bothered by constantly ringing telephones."

This year, the schools in West Germany's state of North Rhine Westphalia, where Bonn is situated, were on holiday for the earliest six weeks of the period and children have gone back this week for the autumn term. This means that many civil servants are back, able to work on German reunification. It also means, since summer heat is building up, that children are often sent home. If the temperature in the classrooms goes above 26°C it is considered too hot for them to work.

Staggering of holidays can cause serious travel delays with families from one state going home at the time that others are leaving. Last weekend, when Baden-Württemberg "crossed over" with North Rhine Westphalia, motorways were more heavily congested than ever before. The worst jam, on the road from Nuremburg to Berlin, was 70 miles long and took six hours to clear.

Meanwhile, in France, strenuous efforts by government and industry to change ingrained summer holiday habits have succeeded in reducing the great August get-away. A combination of inducements and quotas for state employees had a considerable impact, while many companies have also streamed their holiday seasons to avoid what used to be more or less total shutdown in August.

As a result, figures show that mid-to-late July has become considerably more popular, although August still accounts for the lion's share of holidays at around 40 per cent. The Parisians, of course, are different, preferring to abandon their city to the tourists in August.

Harvey Elliott

Bradford discovers new wealth as unlikely tourist destination

The government is setting up a task force to come up with methods for easing the burden on Britain's most popular tourist destinations, partly by spreading the load around less popular towns and cities that will be encouraged to develop their potential. PETER DAVENPORT *visited Bradford, an unlikely contender that has taken the holiday market by surprise.*

EVEN the dead have their part to play in Bradford's tourism initiative. Undercliffe Cemetery, sprawling over 25 acres of hillside on the eastern approaches to the city, is the final resting place of many a Victorian wool baron who made sure of lasting recognition by having a towering stone monument erected over their grave.

For decades the cemetery lay neglected, overgrown with weeds and with the tombstones, soaring Celtic crosses, obelisks and even a grey granite mausoleum in the form of an Egyptian temple, a regular target for vandals. Three years ago it was the subject of an environmental improvement project and now attracts thousands of visitors a year. It also picked up an award in the BBC *It's My City* series.

Undercliffe Cemetery is just one of the attractions that were marketed by Bradford city council in a determined drive to create a tourist industry, almost from scratch, over the past 10 years. The range is diverse: from a museum dedicated to the glove puppet Sooty, who made his first public appearance in Bradford, to the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, attracting 800,000 visitors a year, and the Bronte Parsonage at Haworth, the destination for 200,000 tourists, including such a large number of Japanese that two members of staff at the local tourist information office have had to learn the language.

Just ten years after Bradford entered the UK holiday market, to almost universal mirth, even among its own citizens, it has an industry that generates £56.4 million a year and attracts about six million visitors from throughout the UK and, increasingly, from abroad. At least 7,000 jobs depend directly on tourism.

There have been important other benefits too. Mike Cowlam, marketing manager of Bradford's enterprise unit, which replaced the economic development unit that launched the tourism initiative, said that one of the reasons behind the original programme was to improve the appalling image the city then had as a means of attracting new industry and investment.

The council pulls no punches on the scale of the task. It says: "In 1980 people's idea of Bradford was a place where the sparrows woke up coughing and pigeons flew backwards to keep the dirt out of their eyes. Turning the district into a major tourist destination was not going to be an easy task. The aim was not only to launch Bradford's tourist trade, bringing new spending into the city, but also to boost investment and job creation by persuading investors that Bradford was the place to be." The first step in the programme was to undertake an honest assessment of the attractions the city and surrounding district had to offer, including a rich industrial heritage and fine Victorian buildings, proximity to the Yorkshire Dales and moors and hotels almost empty at the weekends when business travellers had left.

It was clear from the start that Bradford could not compete with such well-established tourist centres as Chester and York so it launched two short-break holidays — In the Footsteps of the Bronte and Industrial Heritage. The novelty of Bradford entering the holiday market generated widespread publicity and in the first year 2,000 holidays were sold and the city has never looked back.

Mr Cowlam says that Bradford was the first authority to set up its own economic development unit and the first industrial city to launch a tourism strategy as part of its regeneration programme. To keep ahead of the game, as more towns and cities sought to follow its lead, Bradford has regularly introduced new attractions.

To spread the benefits of tourism across the widest possible range of its citizens, Bradford launched a Flavours of Asia package, explaining the origins of the city's large Asian community, their religious beliefs and offering a selection of Asian restaurants to be sampled. It proved the most successful promotion in increasing trade and creating new jobs.

As the demand has grown so have the resources: between 1983 and 1989 the number of hotels increased from 12 to 31, restaurants from 36 to 132, conference venues from eight to 26, museums and attractions from 23 to 61, with the Victorian & Albert Museum set to establish a northern arm in the conversion of a mill complex. A side-product has been the growth in mill shops, from none in 1983 to 46 last year, where visitors can obtain bargains, such as cashmere and angora cloths, at prices vastly cheaper than in high street shops. They are especially popular with people from Scandinavia and the US.

Mr Cowlam says that the tourism strategy and its creation of a better image for Bradford has been a significant contribution towards the city's revived fortunes. By the end of last year committed and planned investment stood at £1 billion, the highest level since its Victorian heyday. "I am sure there are lessons to be learned here for creating other new destinations for tourists. Certainly nobody laughs any more at the idea of holidays based in Bradford."

World health body forced to cut back Aids programme

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) is cutting its multi-million pound budget on Aids and is to have its international programme to fight the disease re-evaluated by independent experts.

The moves are the result of pressure from some countries, including Britain, which fund the organisation's Global Programme on Aids and which believe it has been expanded too rapidly since its launch four years ago. The health organisation now believes that up to 10 million people worldwide are infected with the Aids virus, but support for the Aids programme appears to have been damaged by scepticism over that estimate in countries where the epidemic is growing more slowly.

Britain, the third largest donor to the global programme, has limited its donations through the government's Overseas Development Administration to £4.5 million a year since 1988, and the programme's budget is now being reduced by about £10 million to just under £50 million. Many of the health education and Aids prevention projects set up in 123 countries will be re-examined independently.

Doubts have arisen about the priority given to some projects and the efficiency with which they have been established, but there is no suggestion of misconduct. Stricter management controls of the global programme have been imposed at the Geneva headquarters of the health organisation since Jonathan Mann, the founder and director of the programme, resigned in March over disagreements on policy with Hiroshi Nakajima, the director general.

Dr Mann launched the programme in a small office four years ago. It now has a staff of almost 200 and the biggest budget of any health organisation project. Dr Mann visited most of the 150 countries affected by the disease and encouraged them to set up schemes to screen blood, improve health care and start sex education campaigns. Latterly he complained that Dr Nakajima had blocked many of his initiatives and downgraded the importance of Aids prevention.

"Dr Mann was an excellent ambassador for the programme, but he wasn't a good manager," Hans Moerkerk, a member of the management committee for the global programme, said yesterday. "The programme has done wonderful work, but it is now time to stabilise it and make sure that the quality of the work remains high."

Karl Olaf Walthne, Norway's representative on the committee, said: "It has taken too long to establish an efficient programme. In some developing countries there are problems in getting resources out of the capital and into the regions where help is most needed. The epidemic is so serious that we cannot afford quarrels or inefficiency."

Dr Mann had hoped, before he resigned, that the Aids project would be allocated a budget of £59.4 million this year. Instead it will be £49 million, and most donor countries are reluctant to pledge more than a 5 per cent increase for next year.

Dr Moerkerk said the donor countries were arranging an external evaluation of the programme that would start in September and take six months. The evaluators will report to the management committee of the global programme next March.

The donors intend to transfer some of their support to other United Nations agencies that are becoming more involved in Aids work, and to fund more non-governmental organisations. The changes are being watched closely by Aids workers in Britain. Martin Foreman, of the Panos Institute in London, an independent health promotion organisation, said: "We hope WHO's priorities on Aids remain unchanged, but some of the energy appears to have gone. The global epidemic is still at an early stage and this is not the time to downgrade international commitment to it."

● Sixty-five hospitals and health units have applied to become health service trusts, Kenneth Clarke announced yesterday.

The health secretary said a three-month public consultation exercise will now begin on the first wave of applications. However, he re-emphasised that he will take the final decision on whether or not a hospital or unit achieves trust status, giving it more control over its financial affairs.

Applicants include the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, central London, Leeds General Infirmary and associated hospitals, the Royal Free Hospital, north London, and the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital. Mr Clarke said that although trusts will have greater responsibility for running their own affairs they will remain within the National Health Service.

Infection lays low listeriosis claim boy

A HANDICAPPED boy at the centre of a £1 million listeriosis compensation battle with the government was ill in hospital last night.

Joshua Devereux, 20 months old next week, was taken to Wrexham Maelor hospital in Clwyd, north Wales, suffering from an infection. His father, Bill Devereux, and mother, Vivien, of Wilderness Farm, Gresford, near Wrexham, were at his bedside.

Solicitors acting for Joshua started proceedings against the government last month, claiming negligence because it knew about the dangers of listeria but had allegedly delayed issuing a public health warning. Joshua was born with cerebral palsy and hydrocephalus after contracting listeriosis in the womb. He was one month old when a health warning was issued.

The blind and brain-damaged boy was found on Thursday morning lying apparently lifeless on a blood-stained pillow. "My wife called me and we detected some shallow breathing. We brought him straight into hospital. He is poorly, but he is an incredible fighter," Mr Devereux said. "The doctors think it is a massive infection of some sort, which may be related to the bowel or, more probably, chest problems he has had."

The couple's daughter-in-law, Suzanne Devereux, who is looking after Joshua for 12 hours a week, said that he was still seriously ill and was very slow.

Joshua has been receiving blood and plasma transfusions. Wrexham Maelor hospital described Joshua's condition as stable.

MICHAEL POWELL

Crucifix, a sculpture by Anthony Heywood, made from assorted junk including toys, shells and even a television set, is hung outside St Thomas's church at Canterbury, Kent. The sculpture was inspired by the plight of the homeless

Children among six killed in car crash

Six people, including four members of one family, died when two cars crashed on the A85 between Perth and Crieff, Tayside, on Thursday night. Police said the accident was one of the worst in the region.

The dead family was named by Tayside police as Raymond Brown, a panel beater aged 29, his wife Fiona, aged 27, and their sons, Ross, aged four, and Stuart, aged two. Martin Dollery, a motor engineer aged 29, also died in the crash. His wife Joy, the only survivor of the collision, was in a satisfactory condition in Perth Royal Infirmary yesterday. The six were all travelling in a Vauxhall Cavalier.

The sixth person killed was the driver of a Ford Capri who was trapped in his car, which caught fire. Police would not identify him until relatives had been informed. All the victims are believed to be local people.

Tree not spared

Islington borough council has failed to get a court hearing for its application for a stay of execution on a 150-year-old chestnut tree in St Paul's Shrubbery, Canonbury, north London. Protesters trying to save the tree have been camping in its branches. The tree may be cut down on Tuesday.

Death case

Kharim Ghalmi, of Wheatley, Oxfordshire, said to have been the front seat passenger in a car involved in a road accident in which a pedestrian died, was remanded in custody by Thame magistrates accused of manslaughter.

Appeal to prince

Protesters have written to the Prince of Wales asking him to stop Tesco from building a superstore on parkland at Golden Hill, Bristol, Avon.

Accident verdict

A verdict of accidental death was returned yesterday on Chris Peace, of Llanedeyrn, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, who died after being hit by a speeding police car as he walked home on New Year's Day. His family is to claim against the police.

£2m to survivor

A property developer, Norman Lilley, his wife Susan and their son Mark, aged 21, of Ampleforth, Yorkshire, who were killed in a flying accident in France at Easter, left £2,204,909 net before tax to a daughter, Sarah, aged 20.

Murder charge

Kevin Roy Jerrett, a labourer aged 20, appeared before magistrates in Plymouth, Devon, charged with the murder of a boy aged 14 months. He was remanded in custody.

Parnes was terrified over cover-up threat, QC says

ANTHONY Parnes, the stockbroker, was left terrified of the punishment that could be handed out by a rich and powerful businessman after a Whitehall investigation was launched into the Guinness deal, it was claimed yesterday.

Ephraim Margulies, the former chairman of the sugar and foods group S and W Berisford, threatened to alter documents to show that Mr Parnes received £1.94 million of the success fee unless the broker agreed to an elaborate cover-up, Colin Nicholls, QC, for Mr Parnes, told Southwark Crown Court, south London.

Later Mr Parnes was sobbing with genuine fear as he explained his role to government officers. The money was part of the £3.4 million paid to Berisford companies as a success fee and to cover losses after investing £15 million in an alleged illegal share support scheme that saw Guinness win its bid for Distillers in early 1986. The £1.9 million was invoiced through one of Mr Margulies' offshore companies, Cifco, but Mr Parnes was told that it would look like he received the payoff unless he agreed to a cover-up. Trade department inspectors were appointed to investigate the bid in December 1986. Mr Margulies made his threat on December 10.

Mr Parnes, aged 45, Ernest Saunders, aged 55, former chairman of Guinness, Gerald Ronson, aged 50, head of Heron International, and Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74, a financier, deny 24 counts including theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

Mr Nicholls told the jury: "Tony Parnes was out of the frying pan and into the fire." He said that Olivier Roux, Mr Parnes' friend and former Guinness finance director, who was given immunity from prosecution to give evidence for the Crown, agreed with Mr Margulies that backdated invoices could be used to show that Cifco undertook market research abroad to justify the payment, to protect the broker.

"From December 10, Mr Parnes had the terrifying prospect of either going along with a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice or ending up who knows where as a punishment for crossing a rich and powerful businessman like Ephraim Margulies." Mr Nicholls said the inspectors believed Mr Parnes was genuinely frightened.

Mr Nicholls appealed to the jury not to compare the £3.35 million fee paid to Mr Parnes to the sort of salaries they or their friends may earn. The payment was justified in terms of the size of the bid and Mr Parnes' undercover intelligence of the stock market.

The trial continues on Monday.

Parents want better service for children

By ROBIN YOUNG

BRITISH parents want their children to get better service in hotels and restaurants, according to a survey published today. The advertising agency WSF Dialogue, which commissioned the survey, claims that the number of "more sophisticated, well-off parents", SWOPS in the agency's jargon, who want to eat out with their children is growing.

Alastair Waldron, managing director of the agency, said yesterday that too often the only option offered was a meal of a burger and chips and a staff attitude that all children should be treated as if they were five years old or less.

"The promise of UK establishments which specialise in catering to families is not reflected in their practice. It is no good if the whole thing is just a marketing exercise and let down by poorly trained staff. Children should be treated as customers in their own right," he said. Foreign travel had led families to expect more. "In France, children are seen as an opportunity, not a problem."

Children should be able to choose between hamburgers and freshly cooked home-style English food, and smaller children's portions from the adult menu would introduce more adventurous and healthy food, the survey says. Staff should be friendly and helpful to children, parking easier, parents should know in advance how much a meal will cost them, and high chairs should be provided if needed, the survey says.

Although weekend breaks are becoming ever more popular in the UK holiday market, families complained that it was difficult to identify hotels where children would be welcome, and to get an accurate idea of the likely cost of a family weekend.

Student architects profit from prince

By CHARLES KNEVITT, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

STUDENTS from nine countries, including Czechoslovakia and East Germany, will learn to practise what the Prince of Wales preaches on architecture when they start a course at Magdalen College, Oxford, today.

The Prince of Wales's summer school in civil architecture will be formally opened by the prince, its founder, tomorrow. The 24 students will take classes in drawing and sketching, ornament, lettering, carving, and public consultation on design, and visit a stonemason's yard.

Practical work will include a project to design an infill building in an historic setting, and motorway design. Teachers will include architects, engineers, planners, graphic designers, builders, painters, craftsmen and historians.

The students, men and women aged between 20 and 40, were selected from 203 applicants. They come from New Zealand, Canada, Italy, Greece, the United States and the UK. Two thirds have scholarships to help with the £1,000 costs.

Later this month the school will transfer to the British School at Rome, and then move about 50 miles north to the Villa Lante, near Viterbo, which has been made available by the Italian government. The school is intended to be held annually and has been organised without involving the Royal Institute of British Architects, which recognises 36 schools of architecture in this country.

The prince, in his book *A Vision of Britain*, published last autumn, said that architectural education needed to be radically overhauled. Jules Lubbock, director of studies, said: "The prince wants the summer school to encourage a reverence for our natural surroundings, resulting in buildings which contribute to the well-being of those who use them, and which display respect — or show 'good manners' — toward the buildings and landscapes among which they take their place.

"The prince spent two years exploring the questions of architectural education in Britain and found that many people who share his enthusiasm are doing something to meet the need for architectural education based on these principles, which is how the idea of the summer school came about."

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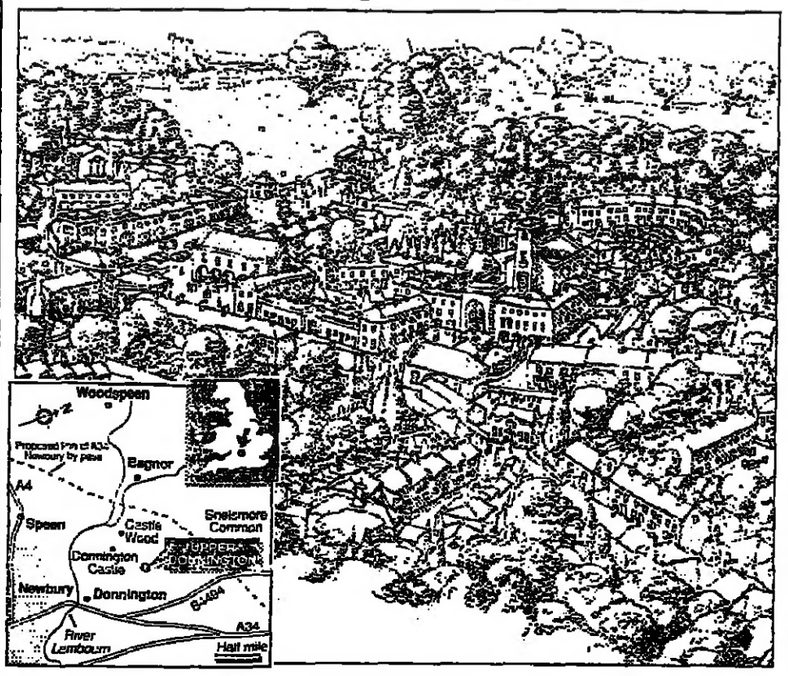
Patten weighs up arguments over a new 'traditional' village

By JOHN YOUNG



CHRIS Patten, the environment secretary, is expected to decide within the next few days whether to allow a village to be built in open countryside near Newbury, in Berkshire.

The project has attracted wide interest, partly because the owner of the land, James Gladstone, has commissioned the "classical" architect John Simpson to design the village in traditional style (left). Mr Simpson's plans for the redevelopment of Paternoster Square, close to St Paul's Cathedral, have won the support of the Prince of Wales.

There is, however, the question of whether Mr Patten is prepared to override the Berkshire county structure plan which, like all other similar plans in England and Wales with the exception of Cambridgeshire, insists that all new development should be within or on the outskirts of existing towns and villages.

The plans for the village of Upper Donnington were rejected by Newbury district council last year. They were subsequently presented at a two-week public enquiry in October, at which they were opposed by the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Since then a local pressure group, Sane Planning in the South East, has urged Berkshire MPs to bring pressure on Mr Patten to turn down the scheme.

The pressure group was formed four years ago to oppose the construction of a new town at Foxley Wood, near Camberley, Surrey, which Nicholas Ridley, then environment secretary, said he was minded to approve, but which Mr Patten rejected.

Christina Hill, co-ordinator of the pressure group, regards Upper Donnington as a key test for Mr Patten, whom she suspects of "reconsidering his stance on unwelcome new towns".

Dr Hill says that it would create a dangerous precedent to undermine the county structure plan and that the village would occupy a Civil War battle site in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty.

However, Mr Gladstone, a farmer and journalist, insists that his development would not be a new town. Only 25 of the 82 acres would be built on and the village would lie in a hollow, screened by trees, and include woodland.

Mr Simpson's scheme envisages the construction of about 300 houses and flats, designed to resemble a picturesque English village. There would be shops, a market square, a village hall, a public house and a small, open-air amphitheatre. There would also be an information centre for visitors to Donnington Castle, an ancient monument largely destroyed in the Civil War.

Under the government's set-aside scheme, the land is no longer used for growing crops. Mr Gladstone says he would be happy to manage his remaining 400 acres on a non-intensive basis, allowing some of the land to be used as a nature reserve with public footpaths and bridleways. It is, in any case, due to be bisected by the planned A34 bypass.

He makes no secret of the fact that the proposed village would help to pay for the restoration and upkeep of his home. Donnington Grove is listed Grade II* and Mr Gladstone has undertaken to spend at least £250,000 on the house if the project is approved. Rather than sell the land to a developer, he has secured an undertaking from an insurance company to finance the building of the village.

"Five years ago I would never have dreamt of making such an application," he says. "But two things have changed. One is that the land is not needed for agriculture any more. The other is that we now have a new generation of good architects in whom I feel confidence and who can build places where people want to live."

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THE INVASION OF KUWAIT: WORLD RESPONSE

Iran cleric softens line on relations with London

By ANDREW MCEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE deterioration in Britain's relations with Iraq as a result of the invasion of Kuwait appeared yesterday to have softened the attitude of Iran's clerical establishment towards London.

Britain has come close to meeting Iran's conditions for the restoration of diplomatic relations by condemning Salman Rushdie and showing respect for Islam, an Iranian religious leader said yesterday

Ayatollah Mohammad Emani Kashani referred in a prayer sermon to a letter written to an MP by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in which he praised Islam as "one of the world's greatest religions", and said that the government understood that Rushdie's novel, *The Satanic Verses*, had deeply offended many people.

Ayatollah Kashani interpreted this as condemnation of Rushdie. There is little doubt that it was intentionally worded by the foreign secretary so that it could be construed that way. Condemnation of Rushdie or the book has been a key demand of the Iranian parliament, the Majlis. "By condemning Salman Rushdie and respecting beliefs of the Muslims, Britain has almost met the conditions set by (the) Majlis," the Iranian news agency Irna quoted him as saying.

"Hurd for the first time in a clear stance of the British government condemned Salman Rushdie and expressed respect for Muslims in defending their beliefs".

Ayatollah Kashani is a member of the Guardian Council which oversees the Iranian parliament, without whose authority the government cannot restore relations.

Mr Hurd's remarks were also the subject of another Irna article quoted by Iran radio and monitored by the BBC. It said that Mr Hurd was "adopting a new policy", in conceding that Muslims were entitled to regard as obscene, writings that insult their beliefs.

The Iranian government is likely to wait to see how Ayatollah Kashani's opinion is received before giving its own view. In the past, statements seen as favourable to Britain have often prompted criticism from hardliners opposed to any rapprochement.

Ali Akbar Velayati, the foreign minister, said last month that Britain had taken some positive steps but the *fatwa* against Rushdie remained in force and Iran's conditions for restoring links were unchanged.

A renewal of Anglo-Iranian ties could lead to the release of British hostages held in Beirut.

Islamic Jihad has suggested in the past that Western hostages should be exchanged for 15 Iraqi, Lebanese and Kuwaiti Shia Muslim prisoners held in Kuwait for terrorist offences.

The invasion of Kuwait has put Baghdad in a position to decide what should happen to them. Iraq is not likely to free them because they admitted at their trial that they were members of al-Dawa, an Iranian-backed dissident movement in Iraq. Some diplomats fear that Iraq might execute them.

This would probably neither help nor harm the Western hostages. Their captors hoped the West could persuade the emir of Kuwait to free them, but realise that Western countries have no influence on President Saddam Hussein.

● **Runcie pledge:** The Archbishop of Canterbury pledged yesterday not to relent or relax his vigilance in attempting to free his kidnapped envoy Terry Waite (Ruth Gledhill writes).

He said that, although he would retire next January, "I shall work away at it with my staff by every means possible, and if necessary after retirement". Speaking at the close of the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council, at St Nicholas, near Cardiff, Dr RobertRuncie called for urgent action to secure peace after the invasion of Kuwait.

"There is an urgent need for the international community to act, and they appear to be acting together, in order to bring about a peaceful and just settlement for the stability of the Gulf."

Referring to the hostages, he said: "Any outbreak of violence of that kind is bound to be worrying, but at the moment it is impossible to be more specific than that."

Dangers for Israel brought into focus

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN JERUSALEM

THE invasion of Kuwait is a mixed blessing for Israel. It has deflected attention from the *Intifada*, taking the pressure off Israel to compromise on the Palestinian problem, but has brought into sharp focus the threat Iraq poses to Israel's security. Since April, President Saddam Hussein has been threatening to use chemical weapons against the Jewish state.

Israeli officials have so far said that they did not expect to become militarily involved in the conflict. "There will be an Israeli response only if Iraq takes aggressive action against Israel," said Moshe Arens, the defence minister. But they also warned of a "red line" that would trigger an immediate response. This would be the entry of Iraqi troops into Jordan, which borders Israel. "The movement of Iraqi forces into Jordan would represent a real and immediate threat to Israel," Moshe Levy, the foreign minister, told Israel Radio yesterday.

Yossi Olmert, head of the Israeli government press office, said Israel should take President Saddam seriously. "He has the habit of issuing threats all over the place," Mr Olmert said. "Once he has made good on one, you can't ignore the others."

Palestinians and liberal Israelis are concerned that the Kuwait invasion will destroy any hope the Palestinians had of making gains from their 31-month uprising against the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza strip.

The Palestinian issue is expected to be the centre of discussions that Mr Levy is to have in Washington on August 9. Instead, Iraq's action has given Israel an opportunity to press home the message that the United States needs Israel as a strategic ally.

Last month Mr Arens went to Washington for private talks with Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary. His main mission was to try to get US guarantees of continued financial aid. There were reports in Israeli newspapers yesterday that Mr Arens may have warned Mr Cheney of possible Iraqi aggression in the Gulf during this visit.

To underscore Israel's potential usefulness to the Americans, there were reports from unidentified intelligence officials suggesting that Israel was giving all its intelligence information on the Iraq-Kuwait conflict to America. One intelligence source said Israel's intelligence community had turned Iraq's invasion on Thursday "into a full-scale exercise" in which they monitored military communications, intercepted and decoded telephone conversations and tried to anticipate Iraqi troop movements.

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Moshe Levy: "watching with preparedness"

NICK GOLDFINGER

Customers queue yesterday outside the National Bank of Kuwait in London. They can draw a maximum daily amount of £500 to £1,000

Death knell for ties with France

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

ON THE day of the invasion, French government officials were preparing to sign an initial accord with Iraq on a new formula for handling Baghdad's $4 billion (£2.16 billion) debt. Virtually all of this represents massive arms purchases (as much as $5 billion) by the regime of President Saddam Hussein during the Gulf war.

Then, sophisticated weaponry poured in from France: the Mirage 2000 fighter jet and the advanced Super Etenards, light and heavy tanks, artillery systems and the Exocet missiles that were used to knock out Iranian oil complexes at Kharg island and elsewhere.

As Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, acknowledged earlier this week, getting the money out of Iraq had proved "extremely difficult". As a result, efforts to reschedule Baghdad's debts had begun and an initial agreement had been reached. Pending a full settlement, France has suspended further arms deliveries to Iraq.

French officials privately acknowledge that previous close links between Paris and Baghdad have greatly complicated the present situation. In the wake of the 1973 Middle East war, France had eagerly courted Iraq, with the then conservative prime minister, Jacques Chirac, visiting Baghdad to clinch an oil-for-nuclear-expertise deal.

In return for Iraqi crude, which last year accounted for almost a tenth of French oil imports, Paris had agreed to help develop the country's first nuclear reactor at Tammouz for "peaceful purposes". Not long after the reactor was destroyed by the Israeli air force in a daring raid in June 1981, the Socialists came to power in France and, in the words of M Dumas, "had continued to honour existing agreements".

In a recent interview, President Saddam confirmed that France had indeed stood by its "military engagements" with Iraq, but complained of foot-dragging in Paris about encouraging the Iraqis to develop their own weapons industry. Foreign observers said that at last year's Baghdad military fair, displays of Iraqi equipment included a Mirage modified to fire Soviet missiles and a Soviet electronic surveillance aircraft fitted with French radar systems.

According to M Dumas, the present crisis is certain to affect French policy towards Iraq. It seems that the old love affair, with all its attendant diplomatic delicacies, is now over.

Tough stand on assets spreads

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JAPAN, West Germany and other Western nations yesterday joined the move to prevent Iraq from getting hold of Kuwait's vast foreign investments, adding strength to steps taken by the United States, Britain and France.

Japan's government has instructed banks and other financial institutions to prevent Iraq from acquiring Kuwaiti assets held in Japan and is considering further steps in protest against the Iraqi invasion, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Its spokesman, Taizo Watanabe, said the government issued the instructions, called "administrative guidance," in response to a request from the Kuwaiti ambassador. He said Japan would consider taking further actions after deliberations by the United Nations Security Council last night. The government does not have the legal authority to freeze Kuwaiti assets in Japan, which total about $20 billion (£10.8 billion). But banks probably will follow the government's instructions to ensure that only the rightful owners of Kuwaiti assets be allowed access to them.

The Japanese government commonly issues instructions in the form of administrative guidance to business and industry.

The chief cabinet secretary, Misoji Sakamoto, told reporters yesterday that Japan would deal with the situation "from the same standpoint as other Western countries."

West Germany announced yesterday that it was freezing all Kuwaiti assets in the country to prevent them being seized by Iraq. It also suspended all export credits for Iraq and blocked all export permits there.

New, tougher guidelines for exports to Iraq of both military and civilian equipment have also been issued and careful controls established on all shipments to any destination of weapons and nuclear material.

Kuwait invests extensively in West Germany and has a 14 per cent holding in Daimler-Benz, which is the largest company in the country, as well as a 20 per cent stake in both the chemical giant, Hoechst, and the mining and engineering group, Metallgesellschaft.

Since the end of the Gulf War, West German exporters have worked hard to develop the market in Iraq, selling DM2 billion (£700 million) worth of goods last year, a 41 per cent increase over 1988. Because of this carefully nurtured market, West Germany was slower than some other countries , including Britain, to respond.

Italy's government yesterday froze Kuwaiti assets held in Italy and suspended arms exports to Iraq. The measures were taken during a Cabinet meeting to discuss the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The foreign minister, Gianni De Michelis, said the Cabinet approved a decree freezing Kuwaiti assets with immediate effect as a "precautionary" measure. The action was aimed at denying Iraq financial benefits from its invasion. Kuwait's state oil company, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, is the second-largest distributor of petroleum products to the Italian market and controls nearly 11 per cent of the domestic market after its acquisition of Mobil Italiana SPA in March.

Nino Cristofori, an under secretary, announced that the cabinet decided to suspend immediately all arms exports to Iraq. He said a formal decree may be drawn up later to conform with any decision taken by the EC.

Italy, which holds the rotating presidency of the EC, has scheduled a meeting of foreign ministry officials of the 12 member states in Rome today to discuss the crisis. Signor De Michelis told reporters that Italy would try to get the 12 to approve "concrete measures" to put the "maximum possible pressure" on Iraq to achieve an "immediate and unconditional" Iraqi withdrawal.

Belgium said it would freeze Kuwaiti assets.

Switzerland stopped short of a freeze and asked its banks to vet carefully any withdrawals of Kuwaiti funds.

The Netherlands government froze export credits to both Iraq and Kuwait and said it was considering banning tankers carrying Iraqi crude oil from entering the port of Rotterdam.

Norway froze Kuwait's tiny assets in the country yesterday to prevent them from falling into Baghdad's hands and said it would back a wider international blockade of Iraq.

The Norwegian Shipowners' Association, which estimates that about 15 per cent of Kuwait's oil is exported in Norwegian tankers, said it opposed a unilateral trade embargo.

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Divided sympathies in London

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THERE was little hint of the fighting in the Gulf as a polyglot assortment of the world's Muslims gathered yesterday for Friday prayers at London's central mosque in Regent's Park. No special prayers were said, and the poster on the mosque's door pleaded the case not of the embattled Emir but of Mordechai Vanunu, the technician famous for leaking Israeli nuclear secrets.

Outside, those willing to talk to reporters generally had surprisingly few words of sympathy for the invasion's victims. "The Kuwaitis are corrupt people. Hussein saved them from Iran," said an Egyptian. A Sudanese student added: "Kuwait is not honest. They have billions of dollars in the banks of the US, Switzerland and western countries."

Kuwait had undermined the international price of oil and then refused to listen to Baghdad's entreaties, he added. "Five times — or a hundred times — they blocked their ears."

Among those who condemned the Iraqi invasion, many also criticised the West for its inaction — or expressed fears it might do too much. "A peace-loving country has been attacked by a brutal man. That is terrible," said an Indian Muslim. "But the world response has been very bad. If it had been some other place they would have acted faster."

Meanwhile, in Switzerland yesterday, the building housing the offices of Iraqi Airways in Geneva caught fire, but the airline office was not damaged. Police said it was not immediately clear if the fire had been started deliberately or if it was an accident.

The Kuwaiti ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, a son of the Emir of Kuwait, told a crowd of 500 cheering Kuwaiti demonstrators yesterday that they would overcome Iraq's invasion if they stuck together. "Kuwait is going through a very hard time but if we stick together we will overcome the challenge." Salem Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, said before the crowd marched to the UN headquarters building to demand immediate UN action to force Iraq out.

In China an official newspaper yesterday accused the United States of raising tension in the Middle East by sending warships to the Gulf and freezing Iraqi financial assets. "The purpose of America's involvement in the conflict is to divide the Arab camp and isolate Iraq so as to reduce pressure on Israel," a leading article in the *China Youth News* said.

JOHN CHAPMAN

Ghazi al-Rayes, Kuwait's ambassador, addressing demonstrators outside the country's embassy in Queen's Gate, London, before Friday prayers

Senate votes for stealth bomber reprieve

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Iraqi invasion of Kuwait will temper a congressional drive to impose sweeping cuts on the Pentagon's 1991 budget, and already has arguably saved the $63 billion (£34 billion) B2 stealth bomber programme from almost certain termination in a Senate vote on Thursday night.

The invasion came at a critical moment in House and Senate deliberations on their respective defence bills, and has bolstered administration attempts to stave off precipitate cuts in America's military strength after communism's collapse.

President Bush, in a speech in Colorado on Thursday night, said: "Terrorism, hostage-taking, renegade regimes and unpredictable rulers — new sources of instability — all require a strong and engaged America. The events (in Kuwait) underscore, also, the vital need for a defence structure that not only preserves our security, but provides the resources for supporting the legitimate self-defence needs of our friends and allies."

Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader in the Senate, said that the invasion's silver lining was that it acted as a "wake-up call" for Congress.

Events in the Middle East dominated the debate, which preceded a Senate vote on whether to allocate $4.6 billion next year to the radar-evading B2, the world's most expensive and advanced warplane. The 53-45 vote was the narrowest margin in the aircraft's controversial history, and could conceivably have gone the other way had it not been for President Saddam Hussein.

Continuation of the programme is not yet assured. The Senate vote sets the scene for a September confrontation with the House, which is considered certain to endorse this week's overwhelming vote by its armed services committee to end B2 production after completion of the 15 now on order. The Senate strengthened its bargaining position by making funding conditional on successful performance tests.

With Margaret Thatcher at his side, Mr Bush used his Colorado speech to respond to congressional criticism that the Pentagon has failed to adjust to the post-Cold War world. He announced that he aimed to cut US military strength of 2.1 million active service troops by 25 per cent by 1995 and gave the outlines of a Pentagon plan radically to revise its force structures.

Under the new policy of "peaceful engagement" there would be more emphasis on rapid deployment contingency forces and "reconstitutable" reserves, and less on the defence of Western Europe, though forward defence in key areas would remain an essential element of future strategy.

In the absence of a long-term Pentagon plan for the post-Cold War era, the House in particular had sought to impose deep cuts of its own next year. It has before it a defence bill which would slash $24 billion from the Pentagon's $307 billion budget request, and kill, postpone or delay many big weapon programmes — moves which Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, has warned would wreak havoc on the US military.

Mr Bush warned Congress against making cuts with a meat axe rather than scalpel. "The US would be ill-served by forces that represent nothing more than a scaled-back or shrunken-down version of the ones we possess at present."

The B2 vote came as the Senate began consideration of its version of a defence bill which would cut $18 billion from the Pentagon's 1991 request, a reduction which Mr Cheney says he can live with.

The horror of Halabja that should have warned the world

The Iraqi chemical weapons attack against Kurds in 1988 held a lesson which **Nicholas Beeston** says the West may have learnt too late

EVEN through the dirty window of an Iranian army Huey helicopter the enormity of the crime was clearly visible. The bodies lay in neat groups along the unpaved streets of Halabja, a market town in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Whole families had died, some in the back of pick-up trucks that had tried too late to escape, others in home-made air raid shelters, which might have saved them from bullets, but were little defence against chemical weapons.

One of the most grotesque incidents in the war between Iran and Iraq, the attack by Iraqi warplanes on Halabja in March 1988, convinced President Saddam Hussein not only that he could escape punishment for ruthless actions but that aggression could intimidate neighbours and potential rivals. Today, as the Western powers and the Soviet Union decide to take united action against Iraq, President Saddam may be forgiven for believing that once again he will get away with one of his most daring gambits.

Since he invaded Iran in 1980, the Iraqi leader has been lectured to by the world, particularly by Western nations. Privately, however, he has been helped to build the most powerful military machine in the region: French warplanes, Soviet tanks, and the combined resources of European, American and Asian military equipment. Despite the recent success of US and British customs agents in preventing parts for a "supergun" and components of a nuclear bomb from reaching Iraq, there are widespread fears that a clampdown on exporting technology to the country has come too late.

The Iraqi military, with help from German companies, has established a chemical weapons production facility and French technicians helped it to repair a nuclear reactor after it was bombed by Israeli warplanes. Last year British firms were queueing up to attend the Baghdad military fair held only a few months after the Gulf War ceasefire.

Iraq's has pilots with combat war experience and has successfully developed, probably with Korean or Chinese assistance, medium range missiles which hit Tehran with regularity during the Gulf War. It is also possible that it has a biological weapons capability.

"At the time of the Gulf war we were terrified that the Iranians, fired by religious zeal, would win the war, overthrow the regime in Baghdad and effectively control the Persian Gulf," said Richard Murphy, former US assistam Secretary of State for the Middle East, yesterday. "In retrospect it would have been preferable to have limited the flow of arms to Iraq, particularly from France and the Soviet Union, but we were not in a position to stop it."

Yet even after an Iraqi Mirage F1 fired two Exocet missiles at the frigate USS Stark, killing 37 American sailors in May 1987, Washington and its Western allies focused attention on keeping open shipping routes on the Arab side of the Gulf.

While the West protected the oil flow from the Gulf states, all of whom were supporting Iraq, Baghdad bombed Iranian shipping and oil installations with impunity.

The UN has never condemned President Saddam for starting the Gulf war, attacking civilian shipping in the Gulf in 1984, arresting and executing thousands of Iraqi citizens for political crimes and using chemical weapons against Iranian troops and Kurds.

Even Iraq's deplorable human rights record has escaped official rebuke. By doing a deal with several developing countries, Baghdad had itself removed from the UN human rights commission list of persistent violators.

President Saddam was summed up well by none other than Nizar Hamdoon, the Iraqi deputy foreign minister, who was quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* yesterday describing another despot.

"Aggressors thrive on appeasement. The world learned that at tremendous cost from the Munich agreement in 1938... How could the German generals oppose Hitler once he had proven himself successful? Indeed, aggressors are usually clever at putting their demands in a way that seems reasonable."

THE INVASION OF KUWAIT: IRAQ'S CHOICES

Threat to Saudi Arabia raises risk of Nato intervention

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's war plan, which must include psychological if not physical domination of Saudi Arabia, the largest oil-producing country in the Gulf and the one most closely associated with Western interests, is forcing the United States and others to consider possible military options to stop him. Nato officials said yesterday that Washington had informed the alliance that military action might be used if Iraq went any further.

Iraq has deployed the equivalent of at least seven divisions, perhaps 120,000 men, on its southern borders, far more than needed for the lightning strike against the relatively defenceless Kuwait. With the two divisions deployed in Kuwait, that leaves about 80,000 combat troops on the Iraqi side of the border. Where President Saddam will send them, or if they are intended merely to keep up the pressure on the other oil producers to conform to his wishes over pricing policy are the questions exercising the international community.

His next target could be Bahrain, Qatar, or the United Arab Emirates. Like Kuwait, their conquest would involve a straightforward military operation. World condemnation of the invasion of Kuwait will certainly not put back any of his plans.

John Laffin, an expert on the Middle East and author of many books on the Arabs, said: "I don't think any amount of United Nations posturing will stop him. He will revel in the worldwide condemnation because it will underline that he is the most powerful leader in the Arab world. He has humiliated President Mubarak of Egypt, who had tried to talk him out of acting against Kuwait, so he will be seen as the dominant figure in the Arab world."

President Saddam's real target must, however, be Saudia Arabia, with whom he has signed a non-aggression pact. Senator David Boren, chairman of the US Senate intelligence committee, said yesterday that "a possible invasion of Saudi Arabia cannot be ruled out". This would be a high risk operation. The Iraqi leader may never have been trained as a soldier, but he is shrewd. He knows that action against Saudi Arabia will force the Americans to come to its rescue, since Washington has guaranteed help to Saudi Arabia in the event of military threat.

There appears at present to be no direct threat to Saudi Arabia, but America faces a dilemma: it cannot contemplate a pre-emptive move but must wait until it is asked for help. Moreover, to set up a proper force, with the appropriate logistics, the Americans would need a base from which to operate. The only bases are in Arab countries and none has yet shown any willingness or desire to stand up to President Saddam. Saudi Arabia has always been adamant that no foreign base will be allowed on its territory. This is as much a matter of national pride as of a belief in the Middle East that a foreign military presence would inevitably attract conflict.

Granting the Americans basing rights would be seen in Baghdad as deliberately provocative. Perhaps the best chance for the Americans would be an offer of a base in Egypt, which has very close ties with the United States and yesterday called on Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. American and Egyptian forces each year hold training exercises based on possible joint intervention in the Middle East.

The Pentagon has contingency plans for intervening in the Middle East to protect Western oil supplies and the 30,000 American citizens living in the region, 3,800 of them in Kuwait. Yet it does not have a properly centralised rapidly deployable out-of-area capability. The only country with such a a capability is France with a 47,000-strong Rapid Action Force.

The Americans could lift two divisions, the 82nd Airborne, based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 101st Airborne, based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, which could probably reach Saudi Arabia in 72 hours. These units are on a normal 12-hour notice to mobilise. Both were used in the American invasion of Panama, but they are not heavily equipped and have only light armour. Their role would be to hold positions until heavy armoured units arrived. That would take some time, however, because they could only be brought to the Gulf by sea.

Pentagon officials said President Bush's military options were limited and that it would take several weeks at least to deploy a significant counterforce. The naval force already in the Gulf and the Independence carrier battle group approaching from the Indian Ocean pose no threat to Iraqi ground forces.

Another option is to use amphibious forces. There are two US combat Marine expeditionary units at present at sea, each numbering about 2,200 men. One is off Liberia in a four-vessel naval group, and the other is in the Pacific off the Philippines. There are also about fifteen "maritime prepositioning ships", based at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, which are stocked with everything from ammunition to food.

Logistics and timing would be crucial if Iraq decided to move against Saudi Arabia. Dr Laffin said: "The Iraqis would not need to overrun Saudia Arabia. They wouldn't be able to because it is such a large country. But all they have to do is cross the border and make for Riyadh, the capital. This is the nerve centre for the whole country so, psychologically, the Iraqis would have captured the whole country. From Riyadh they could dictate terms to the Saudis and hold control over the oil fields."

Also, several key installations would be vulnerable to precision attacks, among them the huge water desalination plants, some of which are relatively close to the border with Kuwait. One is in the village of Ras al Khafji, 20 miles from the Kuwaiti border. Another is 40 or so miles from the Iraqi border in the military complex of Hafar al Batin, which includes an air and army base. There are also desalination plants at Jubail and Al Khubar, further down the Saudi coast. Jubail water is piped to Riyadh. Saudi Arabia is wholly dependent on desalination, but the defence of these facilities is reported to be minimal.

Washington has another option because of the changed circumstances in central Europe. It would be possible for the Americans to ship some of their 6,000 tanks from West Germany to the Middle East, a far quicker option. Undoubtedly that would involve special political decisions. Bonn would have to agree but, since West Germany imports oil, it is unlikely to protest too much.

Moscow, though, would also have to be intimately involved in the decision-making. The Soviet Union would have to be told that elements of US forces in West Germany were being mobilised for an out-of-area operation, and Moscow would have to agree with the potential use of force against Iraqi troops. Britain would also be expected to play a key role. Cyprus could be used as a transit base.

The Saudis on their own could not hold back the Iraqis. The country is in the process of re-equipping its armed forces. At present Saudi armour consists of 300 French AMX30, 50 American M60A1 and 200 M60A3 battle tanks, all older generation vehicles.

As a direct threat to targets in Iraq, the Saudis have CSS2 "Dong Feng" (East Wind) intermediate-range ballistic missiles with conventional warheads supplied by the Chinese, but these are notoriously inaccurate.

● **Artillery deployed:** The Iraqis have brought with them to Kuwait a number of artillery command and reconnaissance vehicles. Soviet ACRV2s, which, equipped with laser range-finders, provide computerised information for accurate artillery barrages.

Search for puppet rulers may prove hard for Saddam

By PETER MANSFIELD

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein has had such an easy success with his seizure of Kuwait that he may be underestimating the political difficulties he now faces.

He has said he will withdraw in days, or perhaps weeks, as soon as a "genuine and free" national Kuwait government is established. He must, therefore, find a group of Kuwaitis who would agree to form a puppet government which might conceivably be recognised by other Arab states, and especially by Kuwait's five fellow members of the Gulf Co-operation Council led by Saudi Arabia. The alternative would be outright annexation of Kuwait.

Kuwait's existence as an independent state depends on the al-Sabah family. They created it in the 18th century and it has survived through their determination to defend its borders, but above all through the diplomatic skills of the Kuwaiti emirs in persuading much stronger outside powers and neighbours that it was more in their interests that Kuwait should survive than to be swallowed up by any one of them. This was what happened when Kuwait was first threatened by an Iraqi takeover immediately after independence in 1961. If the al-Sabah family is deposed, Kuwait no longer has a *raison d'être* and the fiction that Iraq intervened on behalf of true Kuwaiti nationalists would be destroyed.

The elements for a puppet regime do not exist. Opposition to the regime did exist and was of two kinds: middle-class liberals and Islamic radicals or fundamentalists.

The first are represented by those members of parliament who opposed its closure in 1986 and the half-measures taken to restore it last June. Some are highly critical of the al-Sabahs, and include some representatives of the grand merchant families whose association with the administration of an independent Kuwait goes back as long as that of the family. But this does mean that they would be prepared to act as agents for President Saddam.

The other opposition element is even less likely material. The Islamic radicals were responsible for acts of assassination and sabotage at the height of the Gulf war. Fifteen are still in jail and Kuwait has resolutely rejected all the pressure from other extremists through acts of hijacking and hostage-taking to release them. They are almost all Shia Muslims and are mainly of Iranian origin. If they hate the al-Sabahs they hate President Saddam much more: he stands for everything they most detest.

There is an alternative for President Saddam. He could conceivably gather together a group of non-Kuwaiti Arabs who might be prepared to form a government. Some would be from the Gulf region and some northern Arabs: Palestinians, Egyptians, Lebanese and a few Iraqis. His argument would be that Kuwait is part of the united Arab world and belongs to all Arabs.

This would not be very convincing but he has one great advantage, and this is the muted reaction of the other Arabs. It was initially left to Morocco, Algeria and embattled Lebanon (under Syrian occupation) to denounce the invasion. The other members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, who have since condemned the invasion, were hedging in the hope they could persuade Iraq to accept a compromise. But it is still difficult to see what means they have of persuading President Saddam to abandon his demand for the removal of the al-Sabahs. This is now the crucial issue.

The Arab foreign ministers have passed the responsibility to the Arab summit due to take place in Cairo this weekend. Will Kuwait be represented at this summit by Sheikh Jaber al-Sabah, the emir, and will the council continue to recognise him and his government?

If they continue to do so and encourage him to set up a govenment-in-exile, this will not be enough to force an Iraqi withdrawal to be followed by the return of the al-Sabahs. But it would amount to total Arab rejection of Iraq's action.

If they fail to support a Kuwaiti government-in-exile they are undermining the legitimacy of their own regimes in the case of all the smaller sheikhdoms, where the ruling family in each case is the *raison d'être* of the state. Iran, for example, has a long-standing claim to Bahrain. The question of whether the emir will still be regarded as the legitimate ruler of Kuwait in the rest of the Arabian peninsula will be of crucial importance in coming weeks.

Peter Mansfield is author of Kuwait, Vanguard of the Gulf.

Invasion joy: Iraqis carrying banners and photographs of President Saddam throng Baghdad's streets to celebrate the invasion of Kuwait

A nation united in its adversity

By ANDREW MCEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE valedictory telegram of a former British ambassador to Kuwait described the country as "a mercantile arrangement" in which every Kuwaiti was a shareholder and no citizen was allowed to lose money.

However autocratic the al-Sabah family may have been, it ensured its people enjoyed the benefits of oil wealth, with generous welfare services. Its policies created an outward-looking society with a strong community feeling, even if its sense of nationhood was open to question.

Diplomats and journalists who have lived there describe it as a more cohesive society than its divisions of nationality, religion and wealth might suggest. Kuwaiti nationals make up only a third of the population of 1.8 million, yet account for virtually all the top positions and most of the wealth. The religious divide is approximately 75 per cent Sunni Muslim, 25 per cent Shia Muslim in population terms, but the Sunnis are even more dominant in the economy. Far from exacerbating tensions, the invasion is expected to reinforce national unity.

If Baghdad shares these views, there are implications for its management of the country. It has said that it acted in support of a revolutionary movement and will withdraw within days or weeks. Few will have believed this, but it implies that Baghdad thinks it can install a puppet government. If this is indeed its plan, then it must hope to attract known Kuwaiti figures to give it credibility.

Peter Mansfield, author of *Kuwait, Vanguard of the Gulf*, said this would be extremely difficult. None of the groups the Iraqis might approach would be likely to co-operate. The parliamentary opposition would seem the best candidate, because of its resentment against the al-Sabah family for dissolving the national assembly in 1986. But Mr Mansfield said that in the face of Iraqi aggression the opposition had united behind the royal family.

Few were more critical in the past than Ahmed Saadoum, former Speaker of the assembly. But within hours of the invasion his wife was on the steps of the Kuwaiti embassy in London beseeching journalists to disregard Iraqi attempts to discredit the al-Sabah family.

Two other groups whose loyalty might have been doubted were the substantial non-Kuwaiti Shia Muslim population, and thousands of Iraqis resident in Kuwait. Mr Mansfield said that the Shias were out of the question because some would be sympathetic to Iran, while the resident Iraqis tended to be oil-industry managers with no particular loyalty to President Saddam Hussein.

This point was disputed by an Iraqi exile living in London, who said that there were 35,000 Iraqis in professional positions in Kuwait who were members of the Baath party and could form the nucleus of a government. Some were in the army.

The long delay in announcing the names of the "transitional free government" has underlined Iraq's difficulties and further weakened its credibility. Two former British ambassadors to Kuwait feel, however, that Baghdad cares little whether the government is considered legitimate or not. "I can't think of any full-blooded Kuwaiti who would put himself forward (for the puppet government). But I don't think Saddam Hussein gives a damn," said Sir Archie Lamb.

He pointed out that the Baath socialist party in Iraq had long said it wanted to bring down "the feudal regimes of the Gulf". President Saddam should be seen in the same light as Hitler, except that he had been more open about his intentions. President Saddam's ambitions for the other emirates were not hidden.

Sir John Wilton said the new government would be no more legitimate, but no less effective, than those which ruled Eastern Europe until last year. "The puppet government will work because it will have Iraqi bayonets behind it."

Gulf states maintain silence

From REUTER IN CAIRO

IN THE United Arab Emirates the silence was deafening. By noon yesterday, radio and television had still not mentioned the Iraqi invasion. As in other Gulf states, the first most people heard of it was from foreign radio stations.

"How can they do that in the late 20th century when a fellow state has been invaded? What do they think they are going to achieve?" asked one resident. Along with Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates is accused by Iraq of undermining world oil prices by overproducing.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia appealed for calm on the day of the invasion, but did not say why this was necessary. Not once was the word invasion used. When the story broke, Gulf residents flocked to big hotels equipped with international television and news agency teleprinter services. Gulf newspapers finally put the news on their front pages yesterday, 24 hours after Iraqi tanks rolled into Kuwait.

In Bahrain, state radio still ignored the invasion yesterday. In Saudi Arabia, media reaction was confused. On Thursday night, television carried an interview with the Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington who described the invasion and appealed for help.

But yesterday, Saudi newspapers merely reported that King Fahd was concerned to reduce tension between Kuwait and Iraq, without stating the cause. One Saudi television report showed Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family, who fled the invasion, "visiting" the kingdom, but did not say why they were there.

None of Kuwait's Gulf allies — Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain — has condemned the invasion or threatened counter-action despite being linked in a joint defence pact.

In contrast, Cairo's press was outspoken in criticising the invasion. The semi-official *al-Ahram* chose blood-red ink for its banner headline, "A terrifying Arab disaster".

"This is the blackest day in the history of Arabs ... it returns them to the early days of *Jahiliya* (the age of barbarism) when the sword ruled and the spilling of blood was the way to solve problems," the newspaper declared.

Saeed Sonbol, a columnist in Egypt's mass-circulation *al-Akhbar*, wrote: "It is strange that at a time when we call to end the Arab-Israeli conflict peacefully, we seek to solve the Kuwaiti-Iraqi dispute using military force."

There was muted support for Iraq in the Jordanian press. "If some are blaming Iraq ... we urge them not to disregard a long chain of positions taken against Iraqi interests," *Ad-Dustor* said.

● **Broadcast boost:** The BBC World Service has increased its broadcasts in Arabic because of the invasion, by one hour in the evening and half an hour in its early morning programme.

Izzat Ibrahim, left, vice-chairman of Iraq's ruling council, meeting Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia's deputy prime minister, in Jedda yesterday. Mr Ibrahim's failed talks with Kuwait preceded the invasion

Kuwait's radio and TV go off the air

From AFP AND REUTER IN KUWAIT

OFFICIAL Kuwait radio went off the air yesterday after repeated appeals for Arab and Western help to drive out invading Iraqi troops.

The radio, staffed by government loyalists, had been broadcasting calls for resistance, appeals for help and patriotic music since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait at dawn on Thursday. It went off the air at 2.30am, residents said.

The radio was not broadcasting from Kuwait but from a neighbouring country that could well have been Saudi Arabia, a reliable source said. Crown Prince Saad al-Sabah, the prime minister, went on the air on Thursday to urge the people to resist.

The state-run Kuwaiti television also abruptly stopped its programmes at 10am yesterday. But a lone Kuwaiti radio station was still broadcasting more than 24 hours after the invasion, appealing desperately for Arab help. "Where are the Arab accords? Where are the Gulf accords? Where are the Islamic accords? This is the time to implement them," said Huna Kuwait (This is Kuwait).

In a separate broadcast at 1.50am the radio said that the Kuwaiti armed forces were continuing to fight the invasion fiercely.

Baghdad troops consolidate position in Kuwait City

From AGENCIES IN KUWAIT

KUWAIT'S greatly outnumbered forces continued to battle against invading Iraqi troops yesterday, and the sounds of fighting echoed across the capital.

Explosions heard between 6am and 7am appeared to come from Shuwaikh, an army barracks on the city outskirts where Kuwaiti forces have been resisting the invading Iraqi troops.

A radio station broadcasting from a secret location urged Kuwaitis to repel the pre-dawn invasion. "We say no to surrender ... the Iraqis are the Tatars of the 20th century," Huna Kuwait (This is Kuwait) declared in its early morning broadcasts.

The extent of Kuwaiti resistance was unclear. It appeared that the invasion army was consolidating its hold on the small Gulf state. Regional radio stations said that the Iraqis, backed by tanks, helicopter gunships and occasional jet fighter support, now controlled the country's main oil installations, situated to the south of Kuwait City.

The city was under curfew, but from behind their windows residents watched a show of Iraqi force when 200 tanks clanked through the capital on Thursday evening. Some tanks drew up along the seafront with their guns trained towards the Gulf where, further to the south, United States warships were on patrol.

Among the first proclamations issued by the "provisional" government installed by Iraq was one seizing the assets of the emir Sheikh Jaber al-Sabah, Crown Prince Saad al-Sabah, and the defence minister, Nawaf al-Jaber. It also confiscated the assets of the Kuwaiti envoys to the US, the United Nations and the Arab League, calling them "mercenaries of the defunct regime".

The government, which Iraq has so far not identified by name, said that it was acting because the emir and his "clique" squandered money in the pursuit of pleasure, and deposited it with "suspect partners".

"Our government warns foreign banks in which they deposited their money against any tampering with this money in a manner harming the Kuwaiti people," a communiqué said.

Occupying Iraqi troops have adopted the Sheraton hotel in a Kuwaiti suburb as their headquarters, eschewing the government buildings they seized earlier on Thursday for the hotel's more comfortable lodgings.

Most people seemed unaware of the revolutionary council that, according to the Iraqis, had taken over power.

Apart from the fighting, scenes from the occupied city bordered on the bizarre.

In one area on Thursday night about 30 Kuwaitis stood patiently in line, waiting to rent video-cassette movies for the night. The reason, in the words of one of them, was that most residents were staying at home and "sitting tight".

Many cars were left in the streets, some not even parked but merely abandoned as if the drivers saw the approaching troops and fled. Roads and footpaths in parts of the city have been damaged and churned up by the hundreds of Iraqi tanks that entered Kuwait. Some of the Iraqi troops drove around the capital in confiscated Kuwaiti police cars.

At a roundabout troops milled about, sitting, eating and talking while rocket-launchers stood nearby. About 100 soldiers wandered around outside the Sheraton. In the centre of Kuwait City, the streets were largely deserted. It was only out in the suburbs that local residents dared to venture outside for long.

The only sign of domestic unrest was spot panic-buying in the supermarkets, where residents shopped quickly and headed right home.

In the city centre Iraqi troops were stationed at key government offices, which included the defence and information ministries, the Central Bank of Kuwait and the National Assembly.

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Germans set October date for polls and reunification

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMANY now seems certain to be reunited on October 14, six weeks earlier than planned.

This will enable elections to be held for a pan-German government capable of ending the insecurity and uncertainty which is undermining what is left of the East German economy and raising fears of another mass exodus from east to west.

The early date was proposed by Lothar de Maizière, the East German prime minister, and quickly accepted by Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, who is likely to become the first postwar chancellor of a united Germany as a result of the change.

"The all-German elections establish political clarity and economic security," Herr de Maizière said in East Berlin yesterday. Early elections would help to encourage investment and create new jobs. "The past few days have shown this ever more clearly."

Herr de Maizière chose October 14 because that date was already fixed for elections to the parliaments of the five East German *Länder*, which have just been reconstituted. Events have moved so swiftly that the date is four days before the first anniversary of the fall of Erich Honecker as the hardline communist ruler, and almost a month before that of the opening of the Berlin Wall.

Herr de Maizière made his announcement as the treaty was being signed which sets out the system for the election by which some small parties can be "piggy-backed" into parliament with the help of the larger parties. The arrangement benefits the government parties, and effectively blocks the communists from gaining even a tiny handful of seats.

From his holiday resort in Austria, Herr Kohl said that the earlier date met the wishes of the people in both countries. A quick unity process would reduce the transitional and financial problems.

The speeded-up process had been made possible by Moscow's agreement last month on the external aspects of reunification, Herr Kohl said, drawing attention to his personal diplomatic triumph in persuading President Gorbachev to lift objections to German membership of Nato.

Herr de Maizière also said that the way to quick unity had been cleared by the agreement with Mr Gorbachev.

Volker Rühe, general secretary of the Christian Democrats, said the chancellor's party was convinced the earlier date "will quickly end the uncertainty which many of our compatriots in East Germany feel."

An October election is a serious blow to the slim remaining chances of victory for Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democrat (SPD) candidate for chancellor. Herr Lafontaine showed his disappointment at being outmanoeuvred once again, saying that the change was nothing but a panic move designed to deny electors a considered and balanced vote on the future of Germany.

The SPD in East Germany, an unhappy member of Herr de Maizière's coalition, was equally distressed. It accused the prime minister of a sudden change of direction, brought about by again bowing to the wishes of Herr Kohl to improve his chances of winning the election.

The Greens, who already risk losing their presence in the Bundestag in the election, denounced the move as being the kind of thing which happened in a dictatorship. The opposition's only chance of stopping an early election is to block the idea in the Bundestag.

Although Herr Kohl stands to gain from early elections, it is also nevertheless true that the lack of firm, experienced government in East Germany is a key factor in its plunging financial fortunes.

● **Forces reductions:** The 403,000 allied troops in Germany ought to be reduced by half by the end of the century, Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German defence minister, said yesterday.

He added that the united German army, numbering 370,000 men, would be made up of 310,000 West Germans and 60,000 East Germans. However, no more than 30,000 of the youngest members of the present East German people's army can expect to be integrated into the Bundeswehr, he said.

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Kaunda's son 'should face trial'

Lusaka — The son of President Kaunda must be charged with the murder of a young woman here last September, a Zambian coroner ruled yesterday. The public prosecutor will now decide whether to prosecute. The enquiry found that the death of Tabeth Mwanza, aged 20, who was shot through the back of the head, was murder. Mr Kambarage Kaunda, aged 25, told the enquiry: "I admit I fired the fatal shot which killed her." But he said he acted in self-defence. *(Reuter)*

Singh's day

Delhi — Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the Indian prime minister, won a unanimous vote of confidence from his party yesterday, consolidating his position in the minority government after sacking Devi Lal, his deputy. *(AP)*

Lightning deaths

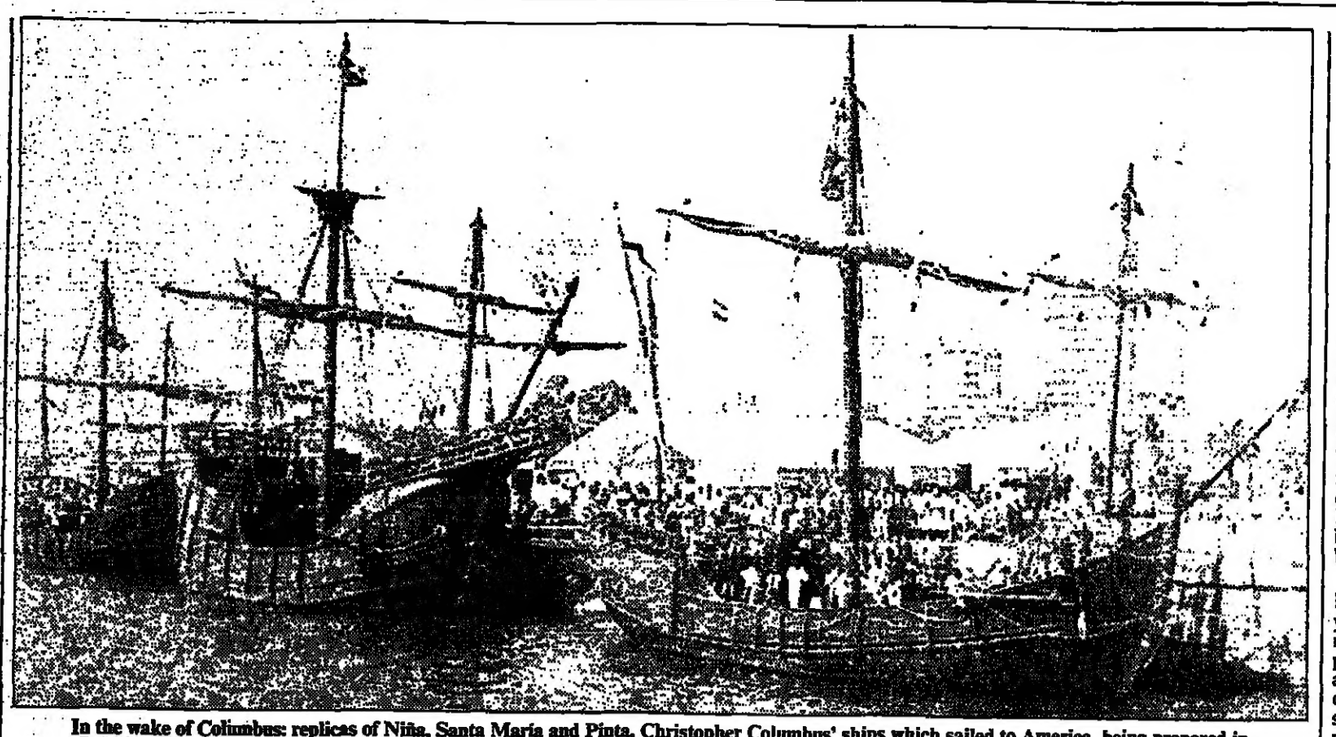
West Palm Beach, Florida — Barbara Buchanan, aged 31, and her daughter Michelle died when lightning apparently struck a pond and travelled up their fishing lines. Buchanan's niece, aged 11, who was hurled into the water, survived. *(AP)*

Soyuz success

Moscow — The Soviet Soyuz TM-10 spacecraft docked yesterday at the Mir space station carrying two cosmonauts to take over from two others who have been living and working there for almost six months. The spacecraft had lifted off on Wednesday. *(AFP)*

Rubbish fears

East Berlin — McDonald's, the fast-food chain, which wants to set up in East Berlin, has promised to help farmers by buying their produce. But East German politicians want McDonald's to be banned, saying its throw-away plastic cartons will cause huge disposal problems. *(Reuter)*



In the wake of Columbus: replicas of Niña, Santa María and Pinta, Christopher Columbus' ships which sailed to America, being prepared in Huelva, Spain, yesterday for a two-year journey around Europe and America to mark the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World

Hungarian MPs elect Goncz as first president

From ERNEST BECK IN BUDAPEST

ARPAD Goncz, a writer who languished for six years in prison after the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956, yesterday swore the oath of office as the first president of the new Democratic Republic of Hungary.

Mr Goncz, aged 68, who has served as interim president since May and is a member of the opposition Alliance of Free Democrats, was elected by an overwhelming majority in parliament, receiving support from all six parties represented.

MPs were empowered to choose the head of state after the invalidation, because of a poor turnout, of last weekend's national referendum on whether parliament or the people should elect him. In an emotional acceptance speech Mr Goncz said he would continue to work for and defend the ideals of freedom, democracy and human rights which had shaped his life. He said his nomination was not so much for him personally but for all those who served prison terms and fought with him in the past 40 years of communism.

It was a dramatic moment for Mr Goncz, who served six years of a life term imposed in 1958 before being freed under a general amnesty. While he was in prison he taught himself English after obtaining a copy of Churchill's memoirs, and later became the first Hungarian translator of the works of William Faulkner.

While the post of president is largely ceremonial, Mr Goncz is likely to use his prestige to become the conscience of the nation.

Cambodia guerrillas agree to talks

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BANGKOK

AFTER a two-month delay, the Khmer Rouge agreed yesterday to the formation of a supreme national council as part of a peace settlement with the Cambodian government. The country's other two guerrilla factions agreed to the council in June, but the Khmer Rouge said it was not being treated as an equal and boycotted the plan.

Khieu Samphan, of the Khmer Rouge leadership, said yesterday on Khmer Rouge radio that the group would participate "in the meeting of all Cambodian parties ... to discuss the composition of the supreme national council in a reconciliation spirit to most speedily set up this council".

But Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister, has said the council's composition has been decided and has rejected calls for new talks.

In a joint statement last month, the ministers of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) called for the urgent formation of the council. They noted that some proposals have called for the council to work with the United Nations in governing Cambodia in the period before elections.

Baker offers aid to Mongolians

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

JAMES Baker, the US Secretary of State, found time to voice American support for Mongolia's fledgeling democracy before rushing off to Moscow yesterday, his visit cut short by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

During his visit, Mr Baker offered Mongolia a $1.1 million (£595,000) US aid package. He said that "as Mongolia moves forward to implement its reforms, the United States wants to be of assistance".

"I think the commitment to reform is real here," he said, after discussing with Mongolians the results of last week's first multi-party elections, which maintained the communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party in power, but gave a significant voice to opposition parties in the country's legislature, the Little Hural.

Mr Baker had time to pose while drawing the string of a traditional bow and arrow before leaving, but had to abandon his plans to go hunting ibex in the Mongolian wilds. His sudden and unexpected departure at mid-afternoon yesterday leaves his hosts with something of an anti-climax on their hands as they had made elaborate preparations for their first high-level US guest since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1987.

Whatever their disappointment, however, Mr Baker said what Mongolians had been waiting to hear. "We would like to grant Mongolia most favoured nation status as soon as we are satisfied with respect to the question of emigration," he said at a press conference before his departure yesterday. Freedom of emigration is the main criterion on which such trading status is awarded by the United States.

Foreign observers say that Mongolia, with a population of two million, does not appear to be full of people who cannot wait to get out.

Mongolians are deeply attached to their country and would rather that foreigners came to them to give them a helping hand.

Our dear old Swanwick

Clifford Longley

These are the closing days of the British Council of Churches. Staff contracts expire next month, and after 48 years it will quietly die. Immediately out of the ashes will rise a new set of institutions, and Christianity in Britain will begin to take a new shape.

This change was one of the reasons given by Dr Runcie for the early announcement of his retirement. He is president of the BCC, and he wants his successor to be in position to play a leading role from the start in what is to follow. This also seems to be one of the main factors in the choice of his successor, and for the decision to announce the appointment so soon.

These two factors are linked to a third: the official launch of the "decade of evangelism" next January. The new ecumenical institutions in Britain will be crucial to the decade of evangelism, which has been widely cited as another reason for Dr Carey's selection. However, the appointment has so far been seen exclusively in an Anglican rather than an ecumenical context. Yet the Crown Appointments Commission approached a cross-section of Roman Catholic and Free Church leaders for their views, and all emphasised that the next Archbishop of Canterbury should be someone with whom they could work closely in the new inter-church structures, and in bringing about the decade of evangelism.

So three things are happening at the same time, but only one of them, the appointment of Dr Carey, has been widely reported. The other two provide the context needed to make complete sense of it. The Church of England has been accused many times of merely paying lip-service to ecumenism while doing its own thing, but for once, with Dr Carey's appointment, a key decision affecting the church's internal life has been strongly influenced by ecumenical considerations.

These developments have been neglected even inside the churches, not least because their significance is hard to pin down. The new institutions have strangely coy — and to journalists' eyes off-putting — titles: Churches Together in England, Action of Churches Together in Scotland, and Churches Together in Wales. There will also be a new umbrella body called the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, about which the only thing that can be said for certain is that it will be very different from the British Council of Churches.

These four bodies have been labelled "ecumenical instruments", and the negotiations leading to their establishment have been called the Inter-Church Process, or sometimes, with scant attention to grammar, "Not Strangers but Pilgrims". At the heart of this impenetrable forest of jargon is the name Swanwick, from the place in Derbyshire where it all started to come together. The crucial moment — people who were there can still tell you exactly what they were doing at the time — was on September 3, 1987, when Cardinal Basil Hume dramatically announced that the Roman Catholics would after all take part. Until then it had seemed they might refuse to join, thwarting the whole exercise.

If Christianity has much of a future in Britain, it can no longer be left to depend on the Church of England alone. The C of E is still the largest and the richest of the churches, and its established status gives it an anchor in English society which could still be valuable, but by itself it has not proved equal to the challenge of secularism. Its once easily assumed leadership of British Christianity is now having to give way to something more like equal partnership with the other heavyweights.

The British Council of Churches was mainly a channel through which the Church of England could relate to the Church of Scotland and the Free Churches, so the decision to wind it up was an admission that there is no longer any sense in excluding the Roman Catholic Church. On most reckonings (except weekly church attendance) the Roman Catholic Church is second to the C of E within England; in Britain as a whole, it is clearly the predominant Christian institution (and even more so if Ireland were included). Yet for theological and historical reasons, it is hard for the others to come to terms with.

Dr Carey is ideally suited to head the Anglican presence in this new arrangement. Even his loudly declared support for the ordination of women may turn to his advantage, for it will protect him from the charge, somewhat debilitating to Dr Runcie's ecumenical efforts, that he is a secret Romaniser trying to fashion deals with Rome that would betray the C of E's primary beliefs. Dr Carey can be as warm to the Roman Catholic Church as he likes — and he is pretty warm already — without arousing such suspicions.

The decade of evangelism started life as a decade of evangelisation, the preferred word in Roman Catholic circles, and it was announced by the Pope as a global preparation for the end of the millennium. He invited the other churches to join, and in 1988 the Lambeth Conference pledged Anglican participation. Most other churches have made a similar commitment, and one of the first tasks for the new institutions will be to pick up the baton and run with it. Which way and how well they run may depend on the relationship between the new Archbishop of Canterbury and the Roman Catholic Church. All the signs so far suggest that it will work out famously.

Abba Eban believes his country has a crucial role in forcing Saddam Hussein to back down

Why Arabs must look to Israel

Danger and opportunity often go hand in hand. They now meet in the Gulf. The danger is self-evident. A ruthless dictator is on the rampage, contemptuous of neighbouring sovereignties, regional peace and international order. Unless Saddam Hussein is checked early in his course, he will spread his devastation until the chance of redress is lost.

Historic analogies are rarely perfect, but this does not mean they are always irrelevant. The tragedy of the 1930s was born of a deadly chain in which every unresisted episode brought mankind closer to the precipice. The Rhineland, Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania and Poland were landmarks at any of which a robust resistance could have arrested the deadly momentum. There is no such thing as a static or satisfied dictatorship.

So much for the danger. Opportunity arises because Saddam Hussein is a Hitler only in malicious intent, not in power. This is where opportunity could transcend and neutralize the danger. A victory for international civility is available here with not a fraction of the cost incurred by hesitant counsels a half century ago. All the conditions are ripe for enclosing this tyrant in a water-tight quarantine affecting his economy, his diplomatic relations, his regional status and his military options.

That all the major powers have condemned the Iraqi aggression and demanded withdrawal illustrates how profoundly perestroika and the democratic revolution in Eastern and Central Europe have widened the effective scope of collective action on behalf of international peace and security. A joint approach by Washington and Moscow, backed by all Europe, Egypt and Israel, without cold-war inhibitions, could be the central hope of a new Middle East. It could be that Saddam Hussein is trumpeting the pride that goes before the fall.

To say that the Arab world is divided would be to flatter Saddam Hussein too much. Those led by President Mubarak, in this case comprising Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the pragmatic and realistic part of the Palestinian establishment, are the dominant consensus. Saddam Hussein is the lonely deviation. He can be contained and brought to heel.

If Kuwait is left to its fate, who would vouch for the oil-rich Saudi Arabia, for the Emirates and for a Syria whose leader is beginning to demonstrate the prudence and restraint which led to the 1974 Syrian-Israeli disengagement? Can Jordan doubt that its integrity is safeguarded by Israel's deterrent power, not by the illusory Baghdad-Amman alliance? King Hussein should look westward across the narrow river for his kingdom's safety, not eastward toward the Gulf. And nothing will be lost by Israel making its deterrent intention clear.

Meanwhile, it would be grotesquely rash to interpret the Baghdad-Kuwait situation as a reason — or excuse — for maintaining a deadlock in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. The sane Israeli view is that expressed yesterday by Yitzhak Rabin: "I predict that further stalemates in our relations with the Palestinians in the territories will impel the Arabs to look increasingly toward Iraq for inspiration ... I refer to Jordan, to Saudi Arabia and to the Palestinians themselves ..."

Saddam's invasion of a helpless Kuwait has a more sensational sound than the laborious search for a Palestinian-Israeli settlement. Yet Iraq is not Israel's main problem. It does not affect our structure, it does not impinge negatively on our economy or on our international relationships and it does not call for action beyond an increase in vigilance and a serene and unprovocative projection of our own strength. That Iraq is not contiguous with Israel is immensely important, for it means that Saddam could attack us only by inaugurating an exchange of missiles, which would expose him to untold devastation. The other theoretical options would be available only if he were to seek and obtain a strong base in Jordan or Syria.

This would mean multiplying his adversaries, and he cannot realistically believe that he would be able to avoid encountering Israel away from his own ground. Saddam has already created a common security interest which Israel shares with Egypt, Jordan, and even Saudi Arabia and Syria — indeed with all those in this region whose major interest is stability. What prevents this shared interest from being put to work is the continuing Palestinian deadlock. Israel does not have the option of a one-subject agenda. Deterring Saddam is vital, but it is not a full-time job. Our strategic co-operation agreements with America are more relevant than they seemed a few weeks ago when it appeared that perestroika and glasnost had made strategic calculations obsolete, but the containment of Saddam must fall chiefly on broader international shoulders.

The American secretary of state, James Baker, should be actively encouraged to proceed with the Israeli-Palestinian-Egyptian dialogue that he proposed some months ago. It is ludicrous, in the shadow of starkly ominous events, to find that dialogue obstructed by pilpulistic trivialities about whether authentic Palestinian leaders who have a home in Ramallah and an office in Jerusalem may participate, or only those who qualify by having been expelled from the West Bank. The solution of the Palestinian representation problem should lie in normal international practice, which tells us that all peoples have a right to be represented by emissaries of their choice, and that the criterion is not virtue but effectiveness.

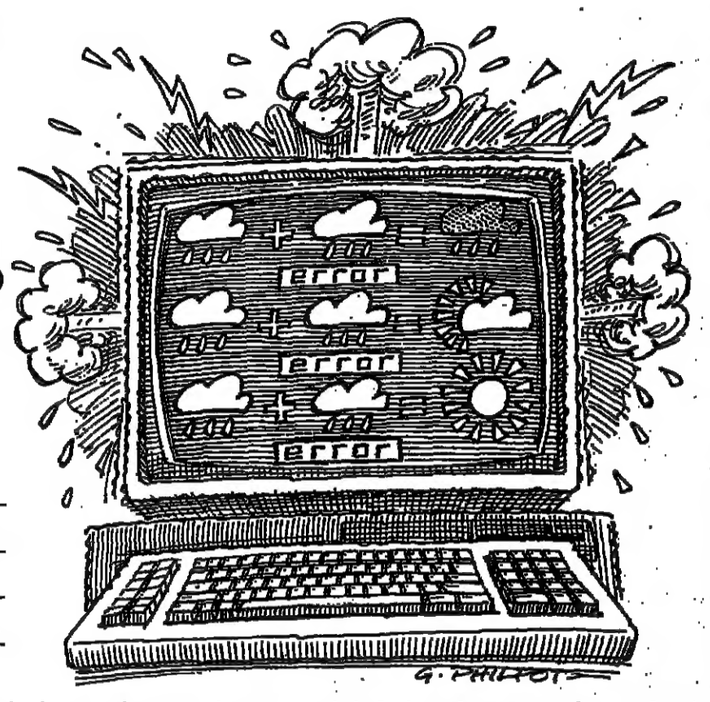
Mr Baker's proposal for a Cairo dialogue is the most innocuous and lenient, the safest and least hazardous proposal ever submitted to Israel by any foreign power. It could be built into a community structure in which Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians could find a way of maintaining a separate juridical and cultural identity while closely integrating in all other domains. What Europe can best offer Israel and its neighbours is the example of its own Community structure.

We are approaching an age in which not a single European, East or West, will be living in a society not based on equality and consent. Saddam's squalid manoeuvre must not only be resisted by righteous encirclement, it must be discredited by competing models of national freedom, social harmony and institutionalised regional co-operation. Only thus can we Middle Eastern nations emerge from deadlock and flow with the movement and impulse of the modern age.

The author was Israeli foreign minister, 1966-74.

When one small thing leads to chaos

As the temperature nudges 100, **Alan Franks** reports on a chance discovery that has turned world weather predictions upside down



Chaos is reigning in the American scientific establishment. This is not the standard turbulence of disciplines at war among themselves and with others, but the phenomenon which becoming accepted as a governing force in widely diverse areas of research. Its sole constant is seeming randomness, and its consequent ability to thwart projections by even the most credible scientific models.

Nowhere is this truer than in the field of meteorology, which chaos theory threatens to reduce to fatuity through the notion, known as the Butterfly Effect, that an insect batting its wings and disturbing the air in China today can next month transform the storm systems in New York, or indeed the temperature of a London August. If chaology is taken to its logical extremes, then all our predictions, the best and the worst, about global warming must be rendered meaningless, since its central tenet is that there is no such thing as a reliable prediction.

It is, appropriately enough, in the business of weather forecasting that chaos theory has its origins. In his book *Chaos* published three years ago and now enjoying huge influence in the United States, the American science writer James Gleick tells the story of the dogged, if eccentric researcher Edward Lorenz, whose allegiances switched from mathematics to meteorology as a result of his experience as a weather forecaster for the Army Air Corps during the second world war.

In the early 1960s he constructed an elaborate "toy weather" machine which would give out daily records of the conditions it was simulating. While it could not hope to match the real globe for complexity of atmospheric conditions, it none the less had a "weather" of its own, and one which seemed to be doing more than a passingly good imitation of the world beyond. If you could decipher the print-outs, you could deduce the pattern of the prevailing wind and the rotation of the cyclones. Whatever its deficiencies, the device was compelling enough to attract a weather eye from his fellow meteorologists and graduate students.

To begin with, the behaviour of the Lorenz's "weather" appeared to conform to his intuition — and the evidence of his computer print-outs — that over a period of time the weather will repeat itself in a more or less familiar series of patterns. Except that, rather like the comparable view of history, these repetitions were never quite exact. There was a pattern, certainly, but there were disturbances too. It was, in Gleick's words, an orderly disorder.

Then, one day in 1961, wanting to scrutinise one particular sequence, Lorenz decided to save time by picking up the program halfway through, rather than starting at the beginning. To feed the machine its original conditions, he typed the numbers from the previous print-out.

"When he returned an hour later," says Gleick, "he saw something unexpected, something that planted a seed for a new science. This new run should exactly have duplicated the old. Lorenz had copied the numbers into the machine himself. The program had not changed. Yet as he stared at the new print-out, he saw his weather diverging so rapidly from the pattern of the last run that, within just a few months, all resemblance had disappeared. He looked at one set of numbers, then back at the other. He might as well have chosen two random weathers out of a hat."

The crux of the matter was this: the computer's memory stored its figures to six decimal places, while the print-outs, to save space, gave them to only three. Lorenz had keyed in the abbreviated forms on the assumption that the difference was negligible. Yet the tiny discrepancies had proliferated, fed off themselves, and in a relatively short period of time had become momentous.

Here was the origin, or chrysalis of the Butterfly Effect which underpins the theory of chaos not only in meteorology but in the other predictive sciences. Gleick describes it thus: "For small pieces of weather — and to a global forecaster, small can mean thunderstorms and blizzards — any prediction deteriorates rapidly. Errors and uncertainties multiply, cascading upward through a chain of turbulent features, from dust devils and squalls up to continent-size eddies that only satellites can see." This realisation has led to the abandonment of long-range weather-forecasting.

After Lorenz, the idea that chaos must be a critical factor in deliberations beyond the state of the weather gained a broader acceptance. Above that chaos there might well appear some over-arching scheme, but the working of the chaos itself had first to be addressed. Physiologists investigating the causes of sudden heart deaths found both order and chaos, as did ecologists analysing patterns of gypsy moth populations, economists poring over old stock price data, and, in their various ways, mathematicians, chemists, physicists and biologists.

Chaos is, of course, what you make of it. For the meticulous who "leave nothing to chance", it is an irritant, a ghost in the machine whose presence is the more damnable because it cannot even be believed in. For the laissez-faire, the lazy, the bumbler and the bamboozled, it sits like a mighty sump into which all charges of shoddy research and poor methodology can be made to vanish. "I hear what you say, but you see you weren't reckoning with the Chaos Factor."

The Americans, it goes without saying, have made a virtue of chaos. They may not have wrestled it into explicability, but they have imposed a sort of order on its academic movements. There are Chaos journals and Chaos conferences, and costly Chaos research programmes for the Central Intelligence Agency and the department of energy, with special, presumably chaotic, units set up to handle the financing. There are students who make their first allegiance to Chaos and their second to the specialism, although sceptics will argue that it has been ever thus. At the University of Los Alamos there is now a centre for nonlinear studies to oversee work on Chaos and its related problems.

In Gleick's view, 20th-century science will be remembered for three things: relativity, quantum mechanics, and Chaos. It is nothing less than the third great revolution in the physical sciences, and, like the two that went before, it refutes Newtonian principles. "The simplest systems are now seen to create extraordinarily difficult problems of predictability ... only a new kind of science could begin to cross the great gulf between knowledge of what one thing does — one water molecule, one cell of heart tissue, one neuron — and what millions of them will do."

I still say today is going to be a scorcher.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

Those requiring proof of the socialist bias of the BBC need go no further than its coverage of the Worldwide Fund for Nature controversy. Not once has the case *against* the giant panda been put. What do pandas expect? A meal ticket for life? Everyone is blaming the Worldwide Fund for Nature. Why is nobody blaming the panda?

Responsibility for the imminent demise of this ludicrous species should be placed squarely where it belongs: on the panda. By their own indolence and fussiness they have got themselves into this; and now they won't lift a paw to get themselves out. As Confucius put it: "Buck stop at desk of panda."

So they are on their way out. Well, who isn't? In the long term, as Keynes said, we are all extinct. Let us have an end to the wildlife dependency culture. Let the message go out loud and clear to the rest of the furry flotsam and feathered jetsam, scrounging flora and couch-potatoes of the animal kingdom: the party's over.

Readers of this column may have noticed before my hostility to these sacred green cows. But so far I have only scratched the surface of the great shambling fluffy heap of inadequacy which is the giant panda. Gaw' bless you Prince Philip, but you are out of your depth on this one. Let me put you straight, Your Royal Highness: *Ten Things You Didn't Know About Pandas* ...

● They are not cuddly at all. Their adorable "sun glasses" are a trick. They have foul, grumpy natures. They smell.

● They are the world's ultimate fusspots about food. They refuse to eat leftovers. They are actually carnivores but are too idle to catch anything, and have opted instead for bamboo.

● But their digestions are not designed for bamboo. So a panda has to eat about 40lb of it a day to keep going. Bamboo dies after flowering. The pandas do not appear to have thought of this, and expect western charities to organise relief supplies.

● Pandas have no sense of fun and none of community. Disliking the company even of other pandas, they have no family life. Pandas cannot return affection.

● They will do nothing to help themselves. They refuse to try new diets, adapt to new habitats, or learn circus tricks or television acts.

● Among expensive requests to the Worldwide Fund for Nature, these lovable welfare junkies are now demanding "bamboo corridors" between the patches of their habitat. Otherwise they refuse to travel.

● Their fur is host to a multitude of small vermin.

● They are horribly prim about sex. They reject perfectly acceptable mates, or sulk just when the other is ready for romance. This is disastrous for panda procreation, as the female is on heat for only one or two days in the year.

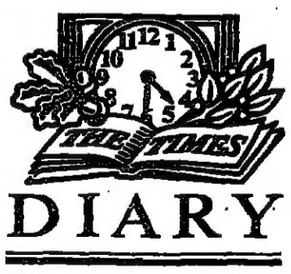
● In the unlikely event that they do mate, the period of gestation is interminable, the result a single, bald, half-formed mouse of a thing, which the mother then rolls on and squashes. The father doesn't want to know. Pandas make useless parents.

● Never once has a panda been known to express gratitude for western efforts to save it. They take our bamboo leaves then spit in our faces.

Frankly, this shower are going nowhere. Pandas are not pulling their weight. I did not vote for Mrs Thatcher to featherbed a load of furry scroungers who think the world owes them a living. As Alan Walters says, "There's no such thing as a free bamboo shoot." We don't subsidise uneconomic coal mines, so why should we subsidise uneconomic pandas?

Ninety-nine point nine per cent of the species that the earth has ever supported are now extinct. These johnny-come-lately species don't know they are born. We humans were a young species once. And there were no charitable trusts to mollycoddle us when we were clobbered with ice-ages, showered by molten lava and chased by mammoths. No Sir! We got on our bikes and evolved.

So my advice to the BBC and the Worldwide Fund for Nature is ditch pandas and get into rats. Rats are smart. Rats are survivors. All about rats on Monday.



DIARY

Unravelling the Blue Riband

The increasingly fraught attempts to have the Blue Riband Trophy returned to Britain have received an unexpected boost. A close relative of Harold Hales, the Tory MP who in 1935 donated the 42in gilt-and-silver trophy for the fastest crossing of the North Atlantic, has supported the claim by owners of the catamaran SeaCat Hoverspeed Great Britain.

Since the £10 million vessel made the crossing in June in three days, seven hours and 25 minutes (breaking the record set by the liner United States in 1952), the American Merchant Marine Museum in New York has refused to hand it over, arguing that Hales intended it to go only to the "greyhounds" of the north Atlantic passenger trade. "The catamaran did not carry passengers," says the museum's lawyer, Peter Clarke. "It was just a publicity stunt."

Although lawyers for the Blue Riband trustees have ruled that the trophy should be handed over to Sea Containers, the company which owns the catamaran, the museum and United States Lines insist that the original trust deed and Hales's autobiography support their cause.

Former naval commander Robin Kent, a nephew of Hales and one of only two surviving relatives, disagrees. "Hoverspeed Great Britain has fulfilled all the conditions," he says. "The museum is being churlish. The trophy must return to Britain." Kent, who saw action during the Falklands war as a Sea Harrier pilot, believes his uncle would want the trophy returned. "It would be nice if it could come home. He would like that."

Clarke, however, refuses to budge, though he adds: "If the QE2 were to go across and beat the record we would have absolutely no problem whatever in turning it over." How about it, Cunard?

● *Darlington residents could be forgiven had they taken to the streets on Thursday to welcome the first rain for weeks. On one of the hottest days on record, the* Northern Echo *published the following forecast: "Occasional wintry showers. Visibility: good but poor in showers. Wind: severe, gale force 9. Sea state: High." "A computer error," says the paper.*

Tidal wave

Too much fresh salmon is not usually a cause for complaint, especially from victims of National Health Service catering. But groans of "Oh no, not salmon again" can be heard echoing through the wards of the Borders General Hospital at Melrose after the delivery to its kitchen of 170 prime fish seized from poachers on the River Tweed. The hospital chef has been searching the recipe books for way-out salmon recipes — preferably those enabling it to be served looking and tasting like something else.

Raymond Blanc, chef at Le Manoir aux Quatre Saisons near Oxford, is aghast at such sacrilege. "Poached, very simply in a vegetable stock, is the perfect way of serving salmon," he says. "And that would be ideal for people who are convalescing. Rich creamy sauces? Definitely not." M Blanc calculates that 170 fish will provide roughly 10 meals each for the hospital's 400-plus patients. Couldn't they do a deal — ship the remaining salmon to Oxford in exchange for bangers and beef?

Order of the elbow

Pushy journalists are not popular with anyone, least of all churchmen, but the Archbishop of York has reason to be grateful to one. Researching a book on an outsider's view of British life, the American Richard Critchfield interviewed Dr Habgood recently at Bishopthorpe, his palace outside York.

Critchfield had been warned in advance to go easy because Habgood was recovering from a hernia operation. Nevertheless, he found himself spending two hours at Bishopthorpe, not least because Habgood insisted on showing him the portrait gallery of previous archbishops, talking animatedly about this one who had been beheaded and that one who had suffered untold tribulation. When Critchfield finally returned to his taxi in the grounds, the engine would not start because of a flat battery.

"There was nothing to do but push," he says. "I went round to the back of the taxi, and so did the archbishop. Just in time I remembered the warning. "No!" I blurted out. "Your hernia operation!" Habgood immediately desisted, perhaps saving himself a further trip to hospital.

Dog eats ice

As temperatures continue to soar, dogs wilting in the heat will be glad to hear that at least American ice-cream manufacturers have their interests at heart. Associated Ice Cream of Westerville, Ohio, has developed a brand of ice-cream specially for dogs called Frosty Paws. Available in a variety of flavours and three sizes for small, medium and large dogs, Frosty Paws is proving popular: two-thirds of American dog owners occasionally give their pets ice-cream as a treat.

Marketing man Frederick Marsh hopes to introduce a similar product in Britain. "I think it's a good idea," he says. "I would suggest a variety with no colouring or additives to take into account health concerns." Marsh plans to take his suggestion to Pedigree Petfoods. "It is owned by Mars," he points out, "which now makes a Mars ice-cream bar."

All we need then to complete the picture is postmen fooling ankle-snapping dogs by disguising themselves as Mr Whippy.

● *Amid the 90th birthday tributes to the Queen Mother, the Rajputana Rifles Reunion Association, comprising members of the Indian Army's oldest regiment, has dedicated* Rajputana Rifles News 1990 *to "Queen Elizabeth ... Last Empress of India". "The title is very important to us," says Major Anthony Beyts. "We used to drink to the King-Emperor every week in the mess." Tonight the ex-Rajputs will be drinking to the former Empress.*

Blue is green

Finally conceding that the cold war is over, Lady Olga Maitland, indefatigable champion of the nuclear deterrent, is turning her gunfire from CND to Friends of the Earth. She has just launched an outfit called Conserve to promote the Conservative case for the environment. "It's the government that is leading the way on lead-free petrol," she says. "We will show that the Conservatives are the guardians of the planet."

Foreign Office minister William Waldegrave and David Trippier, environment minister with responsibility for green issues, are supporting the campaign, which certainly will not damage Lady Olga's parliamentary ambitions. Last week she narrowly missed selection for the safe Tory seat of Eastleigh and is on the shortlist of five for Scarborough. Despite the East-West thaw, her anti-CND organisation, Families for Defence, is not being disbanded. It is simply going into cold storage — "just in case".

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BLACKMAIL AND BLACK GOLD

Wall Street fell heavily yesterday, down 65 points in the first two hours. Although commercial oil stocks and strategic reserves stand at 99 days' supply and are adequate to withstand a temporary squeeze, President Saddam Hussein has given the world more to be nervous about than queues at petrol pumps.

But anxiety should be kept in proportion. The industrialised countries' economies are much less dependent on oil than they were in 1973-4. Oil is still cheap by 1974 standards at the $21-23 range at which, provided there are no further upheavals in the Gulf, prices seem likely to settle. That is a sharp increase on the $16 level of a few weeks ago, but the damage should be containable.

In the United States, where figures released yesterday showed unemployment at a two-year high, the economy was already showing signs of cyclical weakness verging in some states on recession. A $6 per barrel increase in oil prices would, on OECD estimates, increase inflation by 1 per cent. As a counter-measure, Japan and West Germany would be likely to raise interest rates. The United States has become so dependent on Japanese investors to finance the budget deficit that the US Federal Reserve would then be unable to pull the economy out of recession by lowering American rates.

Stagflation in the United States would mean bleak prospects for those who trade with it. The repercussions would be felt across the Atlantic, particularly in Britain, where manufacturing exports would be affected by simultaneous rises in energy costs and sterling. The key question is therefore whether the surge in oil prices is temporary, or likely to hold. The answer, which will in part be determined by political reaction to the invasion of Kuwait, depends on the balance of supply and demand.

The OPEC row over quotas reflects an underlying glut, but withdrawal of 4.5 million barrels per day (mbd) in Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil production from the market would more than eliminate the 2.7 mbd production surplus. Now that it has stolen Kuwait's capacity, Iraq's interest lies in selling its newly-enhanced production, albeit while forcing other Gulf producers at gunpoint to keep the price up by sticking rigidly to OPEC's new quotas. That does not, however, mean that supplies will soon return to normal. Where Kuwaiti oil is concerned, Iraq may have difficulty in finding buyers because there is, to say the least, ambiguity about its legal title. Iraq's own production of 3 mbd is already subject to an American import ban, and could soon be the object of a Nato ban and even a legally binding Security Council embargo.

However, no embargo would be leak-proof. Iraq's oil flows by three routes. Two pipelines carry 1.2 mbd from its northern Kirkuk field through Turkey, which is already under pressure to close them from the United States. Half as much again feeds into the Saudi pipeline to the Red Sea. That oil would be impossible to distinguish from Saudi oil; but were Saudia Arabia to be bullied into passing off Iraq's supply as its own, to get round an embargo, that would imply compensatory cuts in its own production. The rest goes by tanker, and would be vulnerable to naval blockade.

An embargo would keep oil prices at or above the new OPEC "floor" of $21, but not so far above as seriously to damage the world economy. Most of the market shortfall could be made up by Venezuela and Nigeria. The world this weekend is not doomed to suffer another oil shock. But Saddam Hussein, by putting politics back into the oil market has still placed energy security firmly back on the longer term agenda.

If demand for oil continues to rise at present rates, it will be up by 10 mbd within ten years. OPEC's power will increase, because most of the extra supply will have to come from the Gulf countries: Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait have two-fifths of proven reserves.

Environmental and security concerns march hand in hand. Planning for the next oil shock must begin now. Saddam's aggression may have done the world an unintended service, both by awakening it to the danger of letting a dictator's imperial ambitions set oil prices instead of the markets; and by offering a preview of a future unpalatably dependent on the region he aims to dominate.

A BIRTHDAY HONOURED

The royal lady who reached her 90th anniversary today, and reached it in such splendid health and spirits, has earned many times over every cheer and tribute that she has lately received. No royal birthday is a solitary event, this one least of all.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is now so much a part of the nation's life that she might have been born to it. Yet she could not have guessed, when she married the Duke of York in April 1923, what strange chance would bring them to the throne. The transition was not easy. The wound of the Abdication took time to heal, and in a sense never did. She is said to have felt the pain more deeply than any other member of the royal family.

Queen Elizabeth's first great public test came only three years later. She and the King rose to the occasion of war and lightened the nation's darkest hour. Even at the worst times they were in London, sharing the dangers, subject to the same fears. This remains the foundation of the respect in which she is still held, half a century on. From then, and through the long years of widowhood, the affection she has inspired has steadily increased and shows no sign of diminution.

The bond between the Queen Mother and the nation is rooted in two quite distinct qualities, her instinct for the place and purpose of the monarchy and her personal warmth. Modern European kings may cycle through their realms, but many forget that kingship in the day of democracy must offer an aloofness, a focus of distant respect and affection separate from the heavy brigade of politics. Monarchy is for those who, resigned to being governed, more or less relish the thought of being reigned over. The allure of that focus is powerful, and it is hardly surprising that many, weary of the spots and stains of politics, turn to a family free of them.

The Queen Mother knows that in constitutional practice she is a mere symbol, but that symbols are not just decorations; they can be a vital carapace over a nation's life. The French rid themselves of their last monarch 120 years ago, and have spent much time since devising ever more elaborate rituals with which to surround their otherwise convenient political system — as do democratic Americans. Even dictators such as Bokassa pathetically need to proclaim a "royal" quality, to present themselves as figures above politics whom all history would remember. "Is it not passing brave to be a King, And ride in triumph through Persepolis?"

No such thoughts trouble the Queen Mother. Yet the ease and good humour with which she shoulders her royal position and an unceasing round of engagements have formed a role model of royal behaviour: the smile, the careful speech, the gracious wave, the ability to betray no trace of controversy, no hint of humbug or tedium. It is this that has rendered her more than passing regal and made her — in the original sense — truly popular.

Lytton Strachey's account of the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 included a striking reminder of what was obvious but forgotten. He said that "the vast majority of her subjects could not remember a time when she was not reigning over them". Today, the vast majority of Britons cannot remember a time when the Queen Mother was not among them. As her progeny have personified, and continue to personify, each generation of British life, so she is today the personification of great-grandmotherhood. In every sense hers is a remarkable achievement. May she have many more years to enjoy it.

ENGLAND'S PLEASANT PASTURES

The decision of the environment secretary, Chris Patten, in the apparently small matter of Donnington village in Berkshire, will be of significance not just for British planning but for the fate of the whole "post-agricultural" British landscape. He is being asked by a landowner to permit a new settlement in open country near Newbury. This request contradicts local and national planning principles which state that, other things being equal, new building should take place within or adjacent to existing settlements. The reason for this principle is admirable: to avoid ribbon development despoiling ever more of Britain's open space.

The argument of the landowner, James Gladstone, is seductive, as is that used by most building developers. The area, he says, is no longer needed for agriculture, from which government is encouraging farmers to escape. What better use for it, says Mr Gladstone, than to build houses there? Not only are they needed, but the profit from them will enable him to maintain his stately home, Donnington Grove.

Mr Gladstone goes further. He has cleverly employed a fashionable architect, John Simpson, favoured by conservationists for his proposals for the St Paul's Cathedral precinct and London Bridge City near Tower Bridge. Mr Simpson has designed a "classical" village of 300 houses and flats in what is called the English picturesque tradition. The village would be surrounded by woodland and a "common", barely visible and an out-and-out credit to the Royal County of Berkshire.

Such is the quality of modern (or post-modern) British architecture, says Mr Gladstone, that the unthinkable can now safely be thought. England's green and pleasant land, he argues, can be enhanced by England's green and pleasant architects and its green and pleasant housebuilders. Of course developers who in the past simply covered field upon field with pattern-book housing should be congratulated for worrying about the setting of their estates now. They should be encouraged to employ architects such as Mr Simpson and encouraged to exploit the English picturesque tradition. Those who own historic houses should also be assisted to maintain them, including help in making them more economic. All this is fair.

But if ever there were a thin end of a dangerous wedge, this is it. Like the phoney plea from the housing lobby for countryside planning rules to be relaxed to permit "affordable" housing for "local people", so this proposal must be resisted. English country planning, working against ferocious development pressures, has kept a simple integrity by resisting "planning gain", as Mr Gladstone's blandishments are known. Planning gain gave London all its great monsters, mostly cheapjack skyscrapers in return for developer-financed road improvements (as at Euston, Victoria and Notting Hill).

Such planning gain now threatens to gobble up the countryside in synthetic suburbanisation, in an uninterrupted sequence of golf courses, theme parks, architect-designed villages with motorways linking them all together. There is plenty of space within and around existing settlements, as there is plenty of land (much of it publicly owned) within towns, for developers and their architects to exercise their talents. There is no "need" to despoil the countryside. Where towns can be renewed time and again, the countryside, once built over, is lost to public enjoyment. The English landscape is under far greater pressure than that of France or Germany. It is intricate, fragile, vulnerable — and vulnerable above all to exceptions to the rules. Donnington must not come to pass.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UN's opportunity for action over Iraq invasion

From Lady Fox

Sir, The purpose of the United Nations Organisation is to maintain international peace and security and to that end to take effective collective measures for the suppression of aggression. By unanimous vote of its 14 members the Security Council in its resolution of August 2 has made a determination that there exists a breach of the peace and security as regards the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Article 42 of the UN Charter authorises the Security Council, should it consider economic measures inadequate, to take such action by air, sea or land forces as may be necessary to restore international peace and security. By article 43 all UN members undertake to make available to the Security Council on its call and in accordance with special agreements, armed forces, assistance and facilities including rights of passage necessary for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security. Article 47 provides for a military staff committee composed of the chiefs of staff of the permanent members of the Security Council (China, France, Great Britain, USA, USSR) to co-ordinate the application of armed force by the Security Council.

By reason of the Cold War and the USSR veto no such special agreements have been concluded by UN member states and no collective military action by decision of the Security Council has ever been taken. Fear of loss of sovereign control of armed force has deterred states from committing themselves to joint collective peace-keeping measures against territorial annexation by force.

Yet today no civilised nation regards war as a valid method of territorial enlargement of its boundaries. The change in political climate is shown by Mr Gorbachev in his speech to the UN General Assembly on December 7, 1988, indicating Soviet willingness to enter into special agreements in accordance with article 43.

The UN handling of the Iraqi aggression is critical to its survival as a viable international body. Is it not then time for peace-abiding states to stand up for their beliefs, to take one limited step forward and combine to defeat territorial annexation by force?

The long-term outcome of the present crisis should be the establishment of effective UN collective enforcement powers by the conclusion of special framework agreements by member states. The reshaping of Nato and the Warsaw Pact should be taken into account in the drafting of these agreements which will require constitutional ramification by national legislatures.

In the short term to achieve the withdrawal of President Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi army within its own established boundaries (in parallel with economic sanctions), some adaptation of UN procedures employed in response to the invasion of South Korea in 1950 should be worked out. On the recommendation of the Security Council member states should provide immediate national contingents of armed forces for a unified command under a designated UN commander.

The present international outrage should be seen as a unique opportunity to implement the UN Charter's procedures for collective military measures against territorial annexation by force and to demonstrate, once and for all, to dictators like President Saddam Hussein that territorial aggression and political aggrandisement by force cannot succeed. To do so will provide the international community (particularly the smaller states) with the effective law enforcement power which it has long lacked and which minimum considerations of order, law and justice require.

Yours faithfully,
HAZEL FOX (Editor),
The British Institute of International and Comparative Law,
Charles Clore House,
17 Russell Square, WC1.

From Mr Jim Sillars, MP for Glasgow Govan (Scottish National Party)

Sir, On July 24 I wrote to the Foreign Secretary urging him to call a meeting of the UN Security Council because, given the history of Saddam Hussein and the fractured nature of the Arab world at present, I saw no alternative to UN action if he was to be stopped from invading Kuwait. My views were ignored.

Now Kuwait is suffering the barbarity of invasion by a man whose record of atrocity and abuse of human rights marks him out as an evil individual.

It is in the interest of none that Saddam Hussein should become master of the Arab states in the Gulf and have his hands on Opec's main oil taps. Surely the Security Council will go further than its plaintive and weak request issued today that Iraq should withdraw and that both sides should resume negotiations. Surely the UK government should push for a stronger line.

Kuwait has been an exemplary member of the international community. If it is allowed to be devoured by an aggressor then the UN will suffer a humiliation of the same kind, and perhaps with the same consequences, as befell the League of Nations when it too proved inadequate in the face of aggression against small defenceless nations.

What we need from the UN is an orchestration of world outrage and wrath directly solidly and comprehensively against Iraq, and backed by effective political, financial and economic sanctions until Kuwait resumes it rightful place as a peaceful sovereign nation.

Yours etc.,
JIM SILLARS
(Scottish National Party spokesman on foreign affairs),
House of Commons.
August 2.

Restrictions on right to roam

From the Chairman of the Open Spaces Society

Sir, The Government, in its statement on common land (report, July 27, later editions) has broken its party's 1987 manifesto pledge. The promise was to "legislate to safeguard common land on the basis of the Common Land Forum". Last week's statement was *contrary* to the forum report.

The forum recommended a public right to roam on all the 1.3 million acres of common in England and Wales, subject to commonsense regulations and by-laws, as part of a management scheme overseen by an association comprising the owners, commoners and local authorities. If a management association wanted a scheme outside the forum's model it would apply to the secretary of state, who would have to be satisfied that the peculiar circumstances of that common justified a special scheme.

But the Government has not endorsed the forum's national right to roam. Instead it stresses the circumstances in which access may be restricted, for "conservation" or "other existing uses". These are euphemisms for the handful of grouse-moor owners who have vociferously fought access ever since the forum proposed it.

The Government wants management associations to agree restrictions on access locally, instead of referring them to the secretary of state. The public will have no chance to object, and we will lose our present customary access without gaining a right to roam.

Paradoxically, therefore, although we have led the campaign for a new law for common land, we would fight legislation as now proposed by Government. If it cannot deliver the forum's recommendations, it should not tamper with commons legislation at all, but should leave it to a future, more sympathetic, administration.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY LEGG, Chairman,
The Open Spaces Society,
25a Bell Street,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
July 30.

Experts reflect on errors in the Craig-Bentley case

From Mr John Parris

Sir, I am the only one of those involved in the 1952 Craig and Bentley case still alive, apart from Craig himself. I appeared for him at the trial. I am delighted that Bernard Levin (article, July 30) has taken an interest in the case.

Before I too die, I would like to make three important points about the case:

1. My client, Christopher Craig, aged 16, told me that after Bentley, aged 19, had been arrested, the police sent him across the rooftop to try and get the gun from Craig. He went and when within ten feet of Craig, Craig threatened to shoot him.

I told my client that I did not propose to adduce this in evidence since it showed him in a bad light but I sought his consent and obtained it to tell Frank Cassells, Bentley's defence counsel, about it so that he could elicit this in cross-examination. This I did. Frank failed to make use of this, which clearly showed that, far from inciting Craig to shoot, Bentley tried to get the gun off him.

2. The words "Let him have it, Chris" were never spoken by Bentley. They come from the only previous case of joint liability this century, where the words used, and which convicted and hanged the one who did not do the killing, were "Let him have it, he's alone".

3. Far from urging clemency for Bentley, which was the lie told by Lord Goddard in his old age to a journalist, he wrote a letter to Maxwell Fyfe — then known to the Bar as "the nearest thing to death in life" — in which he urged him to have Bentley executed. This is, no doubt, one of the reasons why the papers regarding the case are not to be released under the 30-year rule but only after 75 years.

There are a vast number of other matters known to me about this case, including the deliberate deception of defence counsel by the police and the then Director of Public Prosecutions, which merit public attention.

The refusal to release the relevant papers until after 75 years indicates that the Home Office has *certain* knowledge that the execution of Derek Bentley was judicial murder.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PARRIS,
PO Box 8, Carterton, Oxford.
July 30.

From His Honour Anthony Babington

Sir, My only connection with the Craig and Bentley trial is that 36 years ago I assisted the late H. Montgomery Hyde in writing a book about it. Bernard Levin, in his article on July 30, says there is now "more and more evidence" that Bentley never uttered the words "let him have it, Chris", and further, "it is claimed that the bullet which killed PC Miles could not have fitted Craig's gun, but could have been fired from a police revolver".

I think we should be slow to condemn the trial as a miscarriage of justice, as Mr Levin does, until this new evidence is revealed and can be assessed.

Craig and Bentley were tried at the Central Criminal Court in December, 1952. Lord Goddard, the trial judge, in his direction on law to the jury told them that they should only convict Bentley if they decided that he had known Craig was armed and that there had been a prior agreement between the two youths "to resist apprehension, even by violence, if necessary".

The jury had heard three police officers giving evidence that they had heard Bentley calling out to Craig "let him have it, Chris" just before Craig opened fire with his revolver. They had also heard Bentley and Craig denying that these words were ever spoken. They were unanimously agreed, according to their verdict, both that Bentley had known Craig was armed and that the two of them had had an agreement to resist apprehension by force.

As regards the bullet which killed PC Miles, Craig was armed with a .45 Colt revolver. When he was arrested all six chambers were filled, four with spent cartridges and two with mis-fired rounds. A forensic scientist testified that all the bullet-casings which were recovered at the scene were .45 bullets except one, and even that could have been fired from Craig's revolver.

The medical evidence showed that Miles was killed by a bullet which had entered his head immediately above the left eyebrow. The prosecution witnesses spoke of Miles being shot at close range as he was moving towards Craig. Bentley in his statement wrote that he saw Craig firing at Miles, who immediately dropped with a lot of blood on his face. Craig himself said this in his evidence with regard to the killing, "I thought someone was rushing at me and I fired (a shot) to frighten him away". He claimed to have fired nine shots in all.

There was no suggestion at the trial either that a second shot had been heard at the moment PC Miles was killed or that any of the police who were then in the vicinity were armed.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BABINGTON,
3 Gledhow Gardens,
Kensington, SW5.
August 1.

Cool and fresh

From Mr E. W. Bishop

Sir, Henry Stanhope (article, July 27) omits or overlooks several aids and adjuncts to food preservation in those "primitive" days, such as the gauze cover to prevent blue-bottles alighting on the meat and the outdoor meat safe, preferably on the north side of the house.

As for butter and milk, we used porous clay pots to keep them fresh and cool. And I recall that in India in the 20s and even in Cyprus in the 50s we had a daily delivery of ice to replenish the ice-chest.

Such are the ways man endeavours to counter adversity.

Yours faithfully,
E. W. BISHOP,
78 Bassett Green Road,
Swaythling,
Southampton, Hampshire.
July 30.

Film restoration

From Mr Ian Martin

Sir, Geoff Brown's article on film restoration (July 31) was fascinating, but I think it should have noted the significant contribution of Thames Silents which was responsible for the performance of *Napoleon* in 1980.

Spurred on by the success of *Napoleon*, Thames Television has sponsored the presentation of silent films with live orchestra every year since. Some of the films had to be restored — *Ben Hur*, for instance, the Thames Silent of 1987, had its two-strip Technicolor sequences and original tints put back. But the event is restoration of another and very important kind — it has returned the films to their audience.

Yours etc.,
IAN MARTIN
(Head of Music and Arts),
Thames Television,
306-316 Euston Road, NW1.
August 1.

Death of Ian Gow

From Mr G. Lauder-Frost

Sir, The latest IRA outrage, the murder of Ian Gow, MP (report, July 31), once again shows that the much-discredited Anglo-Irish Agreement has achieved nothing. Moreover, the Government of the Irish republic is undoubtedly giving moral support to the IRA by maintaining its claims, written into the constitution, on United Kingdom sovereign territory, as in the case of Ulster.

Is it not time that our Conservative Government dealt firmly with both the IRA by reintroducing the death penalty for acts of terrorism, and the Irish government, by insisting that it writes out of its constitution claims on its neighbour's territory and by showing real intent on co-operation for extraditions and border security.

Yours faithfully,
G. LAUDER-FROST (Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee),
The Monday Club,
4 Orlando Road, SW4.

From Mr Andrew Bryson

Sir, It is tempting, but misleading, to see the death of Ian Gow, MP, presented as a case of the IRA *versus* democracy (editorial, July 31). What *The Times* would call democracy is lacking in the region the IRA is fighting about.

The Catholic alienation which fuels the IRA is directly linked to the 70-year-old boycott of Northern Ireland by the Labour and Conservative parties. The latter has begun to dismantle its boycott, thanks partly to the influence of Ian Gow, a role which has gone unmentioned in the press tributes.

But only when both parties of state are fully accountable to the people of the province will we be in a position to argue with the IRA about democracy, as distinct from self-determination.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW BRYSON
(London Secretary, Institute for Representative Government in Northern Ireland),
16 Northampton Park, N1.
August 1.

Teachers' pay

From Mrs Bridget Robbie

Sir, When the Inner London Education Authority handed over to the London boroughs on March 31 they took the trouble to send a certificate of appreciation to all teachers working for them.

Oh that their appreciation had extended to passing on the required information to our new employers, so that they could pay us our full wages. I have been battling since May with the Borough of Lambeth and still, after numerous phone calls, my fourth visit and many promises, am short of nearly £2,000.

Yours faithfully,
BRIDGET ROBBIE,
The Garden Cottage,
Downe Court, Downe,
Nr Orpington, Kent.
July 25.

Education funds

From Councillor C. J. P. Vereker

Sir, In trying to prove that not enough funds are being released from central education departments to schools Mr D. Leafe (July 26) highlights the dangers of oversimplifying statistics.

Of the total of 7,534 people shown in Warwickshire's community charge circular as working in education, all but 475 work in schools and colleges (those who do not include the youth and careers services). Moreover, of the increase of 50 non-teaching staff, 43 work in schools. Of the remaining seven, four are for government-funded posts.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN VEREKER (Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee),
Warwickshire County Council,
Shire Hall, Warwick.

Baptism bar

From Mrs Margot Thompson

Sir, Mr Frank Williams (July 20) states that in the prayer book service of baptism, the god-parents are told that Christ promised to grant the child the things for which they have prayed. This scriptural promise is not mentioned in the new Alternative Service of baptism, and nor are a number of other matters — such as the prayer book passages requiring the god-parents to recite the Creed, and spelling out in detail their commitments to give the child a Christian education.

Thus in the "modern" service the scriptural and rational basis of baptism is either ignored or played down.

A more faithful and thoughtful reliance upon the Book of Common Prayer for baptismal services would go far to remedy the problems which are prompting some groups to seek to control and limit the application of infant baptism.

Yours faithfully,
MARGOT THOMPSON
(Honorary Secretary),
The Prayer Book Society,
St James Garlickhythe,
Garlick Hill, EC4.
July 26.

Suitable dress

From Mr Colin V. Cripps

Sir, In many countries in which the climate is normally more benevolent than our own, the standard for male business dress excludes the wearing of a jacket. If it is acceptable in these countries where other business standards are as demanding as our own, why should it not be acceptable here in hot weather?

Most of us are hesitant to discard our jackets when attending a business meeting, despite the fact that we do not wear them at home, in the car, on the train or in the office. What we need is some guidance (approval?) from such august bodies as the Institute of Directors or the CBI which will relieve us of this burden.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN V. CRIPPS,
Weyview, Upper Guildown Road,
Guildford, Surrey.
August 1.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 3: The Queen this morning opened an Exhibition to mark the 90th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother in the Guildhall, Windsor.

Her Majesty was received by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor Robin Austin).

The Hon Mary Morrison and Sir Kenneth Scott were in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a production of *Peace Child* at the Shaw Theatre, London.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, today visited the Army Apprentices' College at Harrogate and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

This afternoon Her Royal Highness visited the Royal Signals Adventure Training Centre at Whernside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cumbria (Sir Charles Graham, Bt).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her 90th birthday today.

Marriages

Mr J.D.P. George
and Miss N.D. Crofton
The marriage took place on saturday, July 28, 1990, in Winchester Cathedral, of Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs John George, of Castle Eaton, Wiltshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Melville Crofton, of Winchester. The Right Reverend Donald Arden and the Dean of Winchester, the Very Reverend Trevor Beeson, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Gillian Hughes, the Hon Freya Crofton, Thomasina Churchward, Henry Crofton, and George Crofton. Mr Simon Phillips was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Major M.R. Good
and Miss A.M.L. Dalzell Payne
The marriage took place on Friday, August 3, at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, of Major Marcus Good, 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Good, of Middle Bean Hall, Worcestershire, and Miss Alicia Dalzell Payne, daughter of Major General Harry Dalzell Payne, of New York, USA, and Mrs Michael Wyatt, of Dunchurch Lodge Stud, Newmarket. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Isabel Archer, Catherine Hildyard, Virginia Lancaster, Sophie Mackie, and Thomas and Henry Eastham. Captain Mark Harris was best man.

A reception was held at The Cavalry and Guards Club, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Mr J.V.K. Silewicz
and Miss A.R. Fleming
The marriage took place on July 28, 1990, at St Mary's Church, Bucklebury, between Jarema Silewicz, elder son of Mr and Mrs Zdzislaw Silewicz, of Kensington, and Alison Fleming, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Fleming, of Marlston, Berkshire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jessica Ganes, Catriona Fleming, Juliana Parker, and Beth Park.

The reception was held at the home of the bride.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Keith Topley to be the Senior Master of the Queen's Bench Division, to succeed Mr Ian Warren upon his retirement on September 30.

The following to be Recorders, assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit:
Mr David John Hale, Mr John David Jenkins, QC, Mr Ian Patrick Murphy, Mr Gerald Alexander Lewin Price, Mr Anthony John Seys Llewellyn.

Latest wills

Lady Austey, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, wife of Sir John Austey, left estate valued at £32,750 net.

Mr Norman James **Lilley,** of Ampleforth, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £331,798 net. Also his wife, Susan Caroline **Lilley,** who left estate valued at £1,086,661 net, and their son, Mark Newlands **Lilley,** who left estate valued at £786,450 net. He died intestate. The family died in an plane crash in France.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The following have been elected fellows:

V Ramadas, consultant physician and consultant radiologist, Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India; M C Mathews, consultant physician, department of general medicine, Rusrusha Hospital, Kerala, India; R D Gope, retired civil surgeon and consultant physician, Hazaribagh, Bihar, India; M A Yahya, senior consultant physician and head of department of medicine, Central Taura Hospital, Beida, Libya; J L Waddell, physician superintendent/consultant psychiatrist, Herdmanflat Hospital, Haddington, East Lothian; C M Steel, assistant director of MRC human genetics unit, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh; M Direkze, consultant physician in geriatric medicine, St Tydfils Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan; P N Prasad: principal general medical practitioner, Bromley, Kent; K D Bardham, consultant physician-gastroenterologist, Rotherham Health Authority.

J O Lawani, consultant paediatrician, Children's Hospital, Taif, Saudi Arabia; S P Lambadusuriya, professor of paediatrics, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka; S Hossain, professor and head of paediatric and child health departments, Chittagong, Bangladesh; M B Yunus, associate professor of medicine, University of Illinois, USA; R B Hogg, consultant in clinical and laboratory haematology, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow; S T A Shah, classified medical specialist, PNS Shifa, Karachi, Pakistan; M M Izzat, assistant professor of medicine, University of Baghdad, Iraq; J Mee, consultant paediatrician, Mersey General Hospital, Tasmania, Australia; K I Ali, associate lecturer in medicine, Port of Spain General Hospital, Trinidad, West Indies; J D Chick, consultant psychiatrist, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh; D M Thomson, senior lecturer in department of general practice, University of Edinburgh; I A Khan, assistant professor of medicine, Khyber Medical College, Peshawar, Pakistan; I A A Al-Shamma, consultant physician and nephrologist, Rasheed Military Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq; S J Warrington, honorary lecturer in clinical pharmacology, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

W H Perks, consultant physician, Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, Shropshire; A Galea-Debono, consultant physician, St Luke's Hospital, Malta; N J Spencer, consultant paediatrician, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield; L J Klaff, associate professor of medicine, University of Washington, USA; D C McCruden, consultant physician, Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria, Dumbartonshire; J H McKillop, Muirhead professor of medicine, University of Glasgow; B Asgher, professor medicine, Postgraduate Medicine Institute, Lahore, Pakistan; V M K Markus, senior consultant rheumatologist, King Fahad Hospital, Al-Gassim, Saudi Arabia; M A A K Abdou, professor of cardiology, Al-Hazar University, Cairo, Egypt; F El Sayed Farah, consultant physician, Khartoum Teaching Hospital, Khartoum, Sudan; M Greaves, reader in haematology, University of Sheffield; J Gillon, consultant physician, Edinburgh and South-East Scotland Blood Transfusion Service; F El Jack Fadlalla, head of paediatric department, Al Megat General Hospital, Medina Munawara, Saudi Arabia; W A Branford, consultant dermatologist, Kettering District Health Authority; J S A Sawers, consultant physician in Angus Unit, Tayside Health Board.

A B Atkinson, consultant physician/endocrinologist, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast; F H Al-Haddad, consultant physician, Medical City Teaching Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq; O I A Abboud, associate professor of medicine, University of Khartoum, Sudan; P M A Calverley, consultant physician, Walton and Fazakerley Hospitals, Liverpool; H F Hammond, honorary senior lecturer, community child health, University of Dundee; R McD Simpson, consultant paediatrician, Dumfries and Galloway Health Board; A S Torode, consultant adviser in rheumatology and [illegible]

[illegible] ogist, Highland Health Board; S A F M Eldib: Professor of Paediatrics, Assiut University, Egypt; A R E Mohamed, consultant physician and gastroenterologist, Armed Forces Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; N K W Chen, consultant chest physician, Department of Health, Hong Kong Government; M Harford-Cross, principal in general practice, Kirkby Malzeard and Masham, North Yorkshire; L Y C Yam, consultant physician, Alice Ho Mui Ling Nethersole Hospital, Hong Kong; P L P Allan, senior lecturer, University of Edinburgh and honorary consultant radiologist, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; M D Danilewitz, assistant clinical professor, department of internal medicine, University of California, USA; W H-C Wong, consultant cardiologist/director, cardiac catheterisation laboratory, Hong Kong Heart Centre; N-Y Boo, associate professor of paediatrics, Universiti Kebangsaan, Kuala Lumpur; S-K Cheong, associate professor of pathology, Universiti Kebangsaan, Kuala Lumpur; W Macnee, senior lecturer in respiratory medicine, University of Edinburgh; M Camilleri, consultant in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA.

S M Crawford, director of clinical oncology unit, University of Bradford, Yorkshire; D B Jefferys, principal medical officer, Medicines Control Agency, Departmet of Health, London; M E J Lean, senior lecturer in human nutrition, University of Glasgow; D W MacI Pearson, consultant physician with a special interest in diabetes mellitus, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; J A Wilson, consultant physician, Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy; N G Dewhurst, consultant cardiologist, Torbay Hospital, Torquay; C C Koo, consultant cardiologist, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore; A H Rashed, consultant nephrologist, Hamad General Hospital, Doha, Qatar; R C Gupta, consultant physician in geriatric medicine, Chorley, South Ribble and Preston Health Authorities; R R Guan, associate professor of medicine, National University Hospital, Singapore; N-S Ng, consultant physician, Princess Margaret Hospital, Kowloon, Hong Kong; A J Freemont, senior lecturer in osteo-articular pathology, University of Manchester; R W G Prescott, consultant physician in general and geriatric medicine, Bishop Auckland General Hospital, County Durham; Sun Myint, consultnat radiotherapist and oncologist, Clatterbridge Hospital, Bebington, Merseyside; M-C Chiu, consultant paediatrician, Princess Margaret Hospital, Hong Kong; D M Matthews, consultant physician, Stonehouse Hospital and Hairmyres Hospital, Lanarkshire; I M Gould, consultant microbiologist, Grampian Health Board; H W Habboush, assistant professor and consultant haematologist, Kuwait University, Kuwait.

Z M Dunhill, consultant in community child health, Lothian Health Board; A K-C Leung, clinical associate professor of paediatrics, University of Calgary, Canada; M bin M Z Zaki, consultant nephrologist and head, department of nephrology, General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur; K R Patterson, consultant physician with an interest in diabetes mellitus, Royal Infirmary and Southern General Hospitals, Glasgow; A D Struthers, honorary consultant physician/senior lecturer, department of clinical pharmacology, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee; S L K Lam, senior lecturer in department of medicine, University of Hong Kong; G B Rhind, consultant physician in geriatric medicine, East Fortune Hospital, East Lothian; Z A Bhutta, assistant professor of paediatrics, The Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan; C M McCowen, consultant paediatrician, North Tees General Hospital, Stockton; A S-F Lok, senior lecturer in department of medicine, University of Hong Kong; A H Watt, senior medical officer, Scottish Home and Health Department; W C-T Shiu, senior lecturer and director of chemotherapy, department of clinical oncology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; A McGowan, consultant in accident and emergency, Yorkshire Region; D Maharaj, consultant clinical haematologist, Darlington Memorial [illegible]

The following have been elected fellows of the College (Under Laws Cap II,9):

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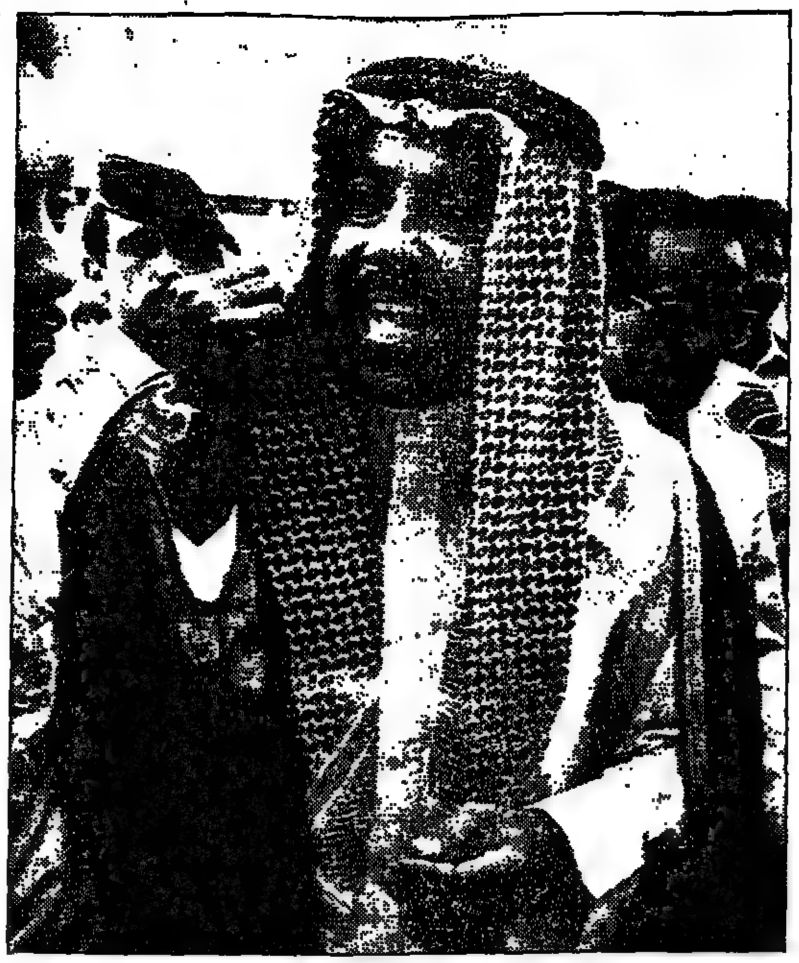
OBITUARIES

SHEIKH FAHD al-AHMAD al-SABAH

Sheikh Fahd al-Ahmad al-Sabah, half brother of the Emir of Kuwait and a prominent figure in world football and the Olympics movement, was killed on August 2, aged 45. He was born on June 10, 1945.

THE death of Sheikh Fahd after being severely wounded in the fighting around the Dasman royal palace in Kuwait City which followed the Iraqi invasion has robbed international sport of one of its most influential and benign leaders. Without exaggeration Sheikh Fahd, was, behind the scenes, one of the half-dozen most powerful voices in world sport. Elected to the International Olympic Committee in 1981, he was president of the Olympic Council of Asia, being re-elected last year not without controversy, and was one of the leading figures in negotiating a harmonious Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988, free of boycott. His dexterous and non-partisan work in both the Olympic movement and in football, in which he was president of the Kuwait Football Association, and, since April, a vice-president of FIFA, the international governing body, enabled him to exercise a healing touch on many provocative issues.

In the always volatile political relationships within sport, Sheikh Fahd was a catalyst for unification between East and West: a middleman, assisted by immense Kuwaiti wealth, able to harness the sporting power of the Arab states. It is ironic that he may well have played a part in ensuring the participation in the Seoul Olympic Games of Iran and Iraq, who were then in conflict. His ability to be tough behind an outwardly elegant and subdued manner made him both a valuable friend and an awkward opponent. He survived a period of embarrassment in the financial administration of Kuwaiti football, but lay low and re-emerged more influential than before. He decided, unexpectedly, to stand for re-election as president of the Olympic Council of Asia last year, when Zhenliang He of China was the favoured candidate. The crushing of the Tiananmen students' rebellion last year, and its embarrassment to Chinese sporting leaders, had left Sheikh Fahd in a key position for negotiating the calm continuation of next month's Asian Games in Beijing.


The sheikh rebuking his footballers during the 1982 World Cup

Sheikh Fahd is particularly remembered for an incident during the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, when a match at Valladolid between Kuwait and France was held up for nine minutes because of protests by the Kuwaiti players against a goal by France, who eventually won 4-1. The Kuwaitis stopped playing when they heard a whistle — blown in the crowd, not by the referee. Sheikh Fahd, gesticulating, left the main tribune and went to the touchline: not to call his players off the field, as was widely but inaccurately reported, but to tell his captain to get on with the game.

Before he became known abroad for his sporting interests Sheikh Fahd had taken a no less keen involvement in politics, being something of a maverick among the numerous, more conventional members of Kuwait's ruling family. Privately, indeed, he had expressed criticism of his family and his idealistic, emotional nature led him to feel frustration, partly explaining why he later switched so eagerly to taking a high profile in sport, a subject of passionate interest to the majority of Kuwaitis. His death now will be keenly felt, especially among the younger generation of Kuwaitis.

Sheikh Fahd sympathised with the Palestinians' cause and fought as a commando officer on their side in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. He had to do so unofficially since such active participation by a sheikh was unheard of. He was wounded and taken prisoner; difficult negotiations were required before he could be repatriated in 1968.

A keen racehorse owner, Sheikh Fahd kept horses in training in England, and was a committed Anglophile. He had been educated in this country and later had military training at Mons. He joined the Kuwaiti army in 1962, but resigned in 1972, though he kept up a close relationship with his country's military institutions. In his personal life he was noted for his liberalism, being insistent, for instance, that his only daughter, Bibi, should have the same educational opportunities as his five sons. He had one wife, Fadila.

PROFESSOR NORBERT ELIAS

Professor Norbert Elias, sociologist, died in Amsterdam on August 1 aged 93. He was born on June 23, 1897.

THERE can be few precedents for anyone achieving intellectual celebrity as late in life as the sociologist Norbert Elias. The book which eventually made him famous, *Über den Prozess der Zivilisation* (in English, *The Civilising Process*), was published obscurely in Switzerland in 1939 and sank almost without trace. That was not the most propitious moment for the publication of a two-volume work in German, by a Jew, on, of all things, civilisation. Although the book was reissued in 1969, and attracted a following among German and Dutch sociologists, the two volumes did not appear in English translation until 1978 and 1982. What is perhaps even more remarkable about Elias's career is that all of his other books were published after he had reached normal retirement age, and the flow continued right up to his *Studien über die Deutschen*, published (this time at a highly appropriate moment) only last year.

All of Elias's later work refers back in varying ways to the theory of civilising processes, which he first depicted in detail as a long-term trend in European society since the Middle Ages. The first volume of his *magnum opus* was a study of the development of manners, through books of courtesy and civility from Tannhäuser through Erasmus to the mid-19th century. It depicts in often excruciating detail how over the centuries more restrictive standards came to govern how people ate, how they blew their noses, how they handled defecation and urination and nakedness. It is fun to read. But the underlying concern is not just with how these matters were moved behind the scenes of social life, but how violence, too, had become more hidden.

This concern is made clearer in the second volume, which advances a theory of state-formation in Europe — showing how rulers gradually made good their claim to a monopoly over the legitimate use of violence. When people are *forced* to live at peace with one another, he argued, the moulding of their personality also changes gradually over generations; but he was writing in the 1930s, and had a strong sense of the fragility of these gradually constructed controls. Later work explored many other kinds of civilisation in the history of humanity as a whole.

Norbert Elias was born in Breslau, Germany, today's Wroclaw, Poland. After service in the first world war, he studied medicine and philosophy there, taking his doctorate in the latter discipline. His studies were interrupted by the great inflation, but in the mid-1920s he took up studies in sociology at Heidelberg, frequenting Marianne Weber's salon and becoming close friends with Karl Mannheim, with whom he moved to Frankfurt in 1929 as Mannheim's assistant.

In 1933 he sought exile first in Paris then in London and Cambridge. *The Civilising Process* was largely written in England. Elias eked out an existence on the fringes of academic life until 1954 when, already 57, he was appointed to a post at Leicester. There, with Ilya Neustadt, he built up a very large department of sociology. Many now prominent British sociologists were either colleagues — for example Antony Giddens and John Goldthorpe — or students in Leicester. Elias's influence is still seen at Leicester in the well-known work of Professor Eric Dunning and his team on modern sports and football hooliganism. Elias's major influence, however, has been in Germany and the Netherlands, where his work has inspired a very active and diverse research tradition.

European sociologists gathered in Amsterdam to honour Elias on his 90th birthday, when Queen Beatrix conferred on him the insignia of a Commander of the Order of Orange-Nassau. West Germany awarded him the Grosskreuz der Bundesverdienstordens. Elias never married.

DONALD WORMELL

Professor Donald Wormell, who held the Chair of Latin at Trinity College, Dublin, for 36 years, has died aged 82. He was born on January 5, 1908.

AFTER spells of teaching at Cambridge as a Fellow of St John's from 1933 to 1936 and at University College, Swansea, Donald Wormell won a fellowship at Trinity College, Dublin in 1939. Fellowships there in those days were by open competition and candidates had to deliver a public lecture in front of the college board. He chose to speak on Homer and, by a stroke of fortune, he was able to refer to the very relevant discovery the previous day of Linear B tablets at Pylos, which, as he was later to recall, he read about in *The Times* as he stepped off the steam packet at Dun Laoghaire. It was because of this, he claimed, that the board "thought he was on the ball".

Wormell's promise was quickly rewarded with the chair of Latin in 1942, and he then remained in Dublin, apart from service in the Air Ministry and the Foreign Office during the second world war, for the rest of his career. At Trinity he formed part, with the late H. W. Parke and W. B. Stanford, of a formidable triumvirate of classics professors.

Public Orator from 1952 to 1969, he was increasingly involved with college administration, culminating in the vice provostship during 1973-4. Trinity's smooth transition from its isolationist position in the pre- and immediately post-war years to the mainstream role in Irish intellectual life was due in no small part to his diplomatic skills and wise judgment at a time of rapid change for the college. The administrative load inevitably lessened time for research; but he wrote on Lucretius, Ovid and Virgil, and collaborated with H. W. Parke in *The Delphic Oracle* (two vols 1956), the standard work on its subject. In retirement he completed an edition of Ovid's *Fasti* (1978) with the help of his pupil Edward Courtney.

Donald Wormell's early career had been spent in England. Educated at the Perse School, Cambridge, he then won a scholarship to St John's College. His command of Greek and Latin, and his sensitive appreciation of classical literature, matured rapidly and he held the Sandys studentship in 1930. He chose to widen his experience in the United States, no common move for classicists in the 1930s but typical of the cosmopolitanism he was to show throughout his life. He also did research in Munich before the second world war.

Wormell was a quiet and dignified man, of enormous learning leavened by a light touch and a ready wit. He had a great zest for life and an infectious sense of fun. He is survived by his wife, Daphne, his devoted partner for almost 50 years, and by three sons and one daughter.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A. Freeman
and Miss S.E. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Richard Andrew, younger son of the late Mr Harold Freeman and of Mrs Freeman, of Piddinghoe, Sussex, and Susanna Eve, eldest daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton, of Walton, Warwick.

Mr C.M.D. Ross-Roberts
and Miss L.A. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Ivor Ross-Roberts, of Eaton Socon, Cambridgeshire, and Lisa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Johnson, of Les Buttes, St John, Jersey.

Flight Lieutenant R.A.H. Scott
and Dr M. Gupta
The engagement is announced between Robert Alastair Howie, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Scott, of Newington, Edinburgh, and Minakshi, daughter of Dr and Mrs K.C. Gupta, of Highbury, London.

Dr N.P.M. Sacks
and Dr A.J. Volger
The engagement is announced between Nigel Philip Michael, son of Mrs M. Sacks, of Melbourne, Australia, and Dr R.H.B. Sacks, of Birregurra, Australia, and Annette Jacqueline, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs H.C. Volger, of Sittingbourne, Kent.

Mr D.R. Uren
and Dr E.F. Kelly
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Uren, of Tenterden, Kent, and Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Robert Fox.

Mr D.W. Wells
and Miss E.L. Clasper
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Wells, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Clasper, of St. Germain-En-Laye, France, and Datchet, Berkshire.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Prince of Wales will visit the Prince of Wales's Summer School in Civil Architecture at Magdalen College, Oxford, at 5.00.

Church services tomorrow

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Canterbury Cathedral: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, St Oswald Service (Wegener), View me Lord (Lloyd), The Rev Dr C A Lewis; 12.30, 9th/12th Lancers Memorial Service; 1 Queen's Regimental Association Service of Remembrance, The Rev G Glew; 3.15 E, Responses (Moore), Stanford in B flat, Zadok the Priest (Handel); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Rev N Baldock.

York Minster: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, O taste and see (Neswick), Missa Resurrectionis (Hancock), Canon R Mayland; 11.30 M, Responses (Shephard), Sowerby in D & C, There is a stream (Hallock); 4 E, Gloucester Service (Howells), Lord thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow), The Very Rev J Southgate.

St Paul's Cathedral: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Rose), Jubilate (Travers), Sumsion in G, The Rev C Hill; 11.30 HC, Schubert in C, To thee O Lord (Rachmaninoff); 3.15 E, Wood in F, Hail gladdening Light (Wood), The Right Rev J Brown.

Westminster Abbey: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Peattie), Jubilate Deo (Britten), Lift up your heads (Mathias), Sister H Markey; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Tantum ergo (Nicholson), Canon A Harvey; 3 E, Responses (Piccolo), St Paul's Service (Howells), Prayer of St Francis (Cabena), Canon A Harvey; 5.45 Organ Duet Recital; 6.30 ES, Canon A Harvey.

Southwark Cathedral: 9 HC; 11 Euch, The Provost; 3 E.

Westminster Cathedral: 7, 8, 9, 10.30 SM, 12, 5.30, 7; 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 V & B.

St George's Cathedral, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 HM.

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Dormition of the Mother of God, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St Savva, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 HC, Genitori genitoque (Vittoria), Wood in C minor, Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), The Rev S P Parselle, The Grenadier Guards.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Adoramus te (Handl), The Rev W J D Sirr.
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Canon P Delaney.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Simile est regnum (Victoria), Vigilate (Byrd), The Rev C A Jones; 6 E & B, The Second Service (Gibbons), I saw her beautiful as a dove (Willan), The Rev P McGreary.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Preb R Bewes; 6.30 The Rev Dr J Stott.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish Communion, Preb C E L Thomson; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, The Rev S Acland.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 11 S Euch, Fr D Campbell.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11 HC, Preb J T C B Collins; 6.30 ES, The Rev N K Lee.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 HC, the Bishop of Fulham.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, The Rev K L Yates.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 HC & Baptism, The Rector; 6.30 E, The Rector.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Second Service (Gibbons), Short Service (Batten), Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons); 6.30 E, Responses (Smith), Wesley in E, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), The Rev W Boulton.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Gibbons in F, The Rev J Vine.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch, Fr M Day; 6.30 EP.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Tallis), If ye love me (Tallis), The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12, 7.15 HC; 11 MP, The Rev P J Galloway; 6.30 EP, The Rev P J Galloway.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP, The Rev M Bunker; 6 EP.
ST JAMES'S Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mr R Morris; 6 E, Ministry of Healing, The Rev B Newton.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church, The Rev O Ross; 6.30 Evening Worship, The Rev O Ross.
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 LM; 11 SM, Fr G Bright; 6 V & B.
ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassall Rd, SW9: 8 LM; 10 HM; 4 E & B.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, The Rev A Walker.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Byrd in four voices, Justorum animae (Byrd), The Rev M Butchers; 6.30 E, O nata lux (Tallis), The Rev M Butchers.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, (Merbecke) The Rev J Humble.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa Dominica (Rubbra), We wait for thy loving kindness (McKie), Locus iste (Bruckner), The Dean.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30, 7.30 HC, 9.45 Euch, Canon W Ndungane; 11.30 Visitors' Service, Preces & Responses (Tomkins), O sing joyfully (Britten), The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service (HC), Canon S Lo, 5 E, Preces & Responses (Morley), Stanford in A, My beloved spake (Hadley); 6.30 ES, The Vicar
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 M, The Rev A Boddy; 6.30 E, The Vicar.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM, 11 HM, Gaudent in coelis (Dering), O salutaris hostia (Franck), Fr N Kavanagh; 6.15 E & B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass (Merbecke), Dr T Martin; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, The Rev D Lawson.
ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 S Communion, The Rev O Clarke.
ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8 HC; 10 S Euch, Mass (Murray), The Rev M Hayes; 6.30 LM.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP, The Rev N Taylor; 7 ES & HC.
ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Morning Service, Mr J Jennings.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, The Rev C Courtauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), The Rev D Smith.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Simile est regnum (Lobo), Simile est regnum (Guerrero), Gloria Patri (Tallis), Father C Colven; 6 E & B, Father J Towers.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, The Rector.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa Octo vocum (Hassler), O nata lux de lumine (Tallis); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 The Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 The Rev W A Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 The Rev A G Bowie; 12.20 HC.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Alma redemptoris mater (Suriano), Jesu dulcis memoria (Vittoria).
FARM STREET, W1: 11 LM.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Colloredo Mass (Mozart), Immittet Angelus (Palestrina), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3 V & B, Benedictus Dominus (Palestrina).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Ave Maria (Elgar).
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria), Prelude on Placare Christe servulis (Dupre).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 The Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 The Rev E Waugh.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 The Rev L Griffiths; 6.30 The Rev M Rothwell.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, William Atkinson; 3.30, Baptismal Service, Gareth Lewis; 6.30, Healing Service, Oliver Raper.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11, 6.30 The Rev P Loveitt.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Mrs P Crawshaw.
SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 6.30 Major & Mrs C Hunt; 3 Music.
ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 The Rev U Davies.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Morning Service with HC, The Rev Dr G E Barritt, The Rev J E Richardson.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, The Rev D Banner.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 The Rev C Calver.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Birthdays

TODAY: Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly, 76; Mr David Bedford, composer, 53; Mr William Cooper, novelist, 80; Dr John Cunningham, MP, 51; Sir Rustam Feroze, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 70; Professor H.L. Freeman, psychiatrist, 61; Sir George Godber, former chairman, Health Education Council, 82; Air Marshal Sir Victor Groom, 92.

Miss Georgina Hale, actress, 47; General Sir Reginald Hewetson, 82; Sir Harold Hobson, drama critic, 86; Mr Martin Jarvis, actor, 49; Mrs Rachel Jones, former chairman, Broadcasting Council for Wales, 82; Mr David Lange, CH, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 48; Mr Simon Preston, organist, 52; Mr John Spalding, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 66; Mr Peter Squires, rugby player, 39; Sir Rodney Swiss, dentist, 86.

TOMORROW: Professor Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, 60; the Right Rev A.H. Attwell, former Bishop of Sodor and Man, 70; Mr Billy Bingham, football manager, 59; Professor Sir Michael Drury, former president, Royal College of General Practitioners, 64; Major-General W.H. Hargreaves, physician, 82; Miss Jacquetta Hawkes, archaeologist, 80; Miss Joan Hickson, actress, 84; Mr Alan Howard, actor, 53.

General Sir Peter Inge, 55; Sir Michael Kerry, QC, former Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 67; Mr Bert Millichip, chairman, Football Association, 76; Mr Rodney Pattisson, yatchsman, 47; Mr K.P. Pearson, headmaster, George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, 49; Sir Eric Pountain, chairman, Tarmac, 57; Professor Margaret Read, anthropologist, 101; the Hon Miriam Rothschild, entomologist, 82; Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, 57; Lord Sefton of Garston, 75; Mr John Whitaker, showjumper, 35.

Service dinner

Essex Army Cadet Force
Colonel E.T. Boddye, County Commandant, and Officers of the Essex Army Cadet Force dined together last night at Cwrt-y-Gollen Training Camp, Crickhowell, Powys. Lieutenant-Colonel R.M.N. Calton, deputy commandant, presided and the principal guests were Brigadier P.E. Wooley, Brigadier K. Gordon and Captain R.P. Laurie.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: John Tradescant, gardener, Meopham, Kent, 1608; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Dumfries, 1792; Percy Bysshe Shelly, Field Place, Horsham, Sussex, 1792; W.H. Hudson, writer and naturalist, near Buenos Aires, 1841; Knut Hamsun, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1920, Lam, Norway, 1859; Sir Harry Lauder, music hall entertainer, Edinburgh, 1870.

DEATHS: Simon de Montford, Earl of Leicester, killed at the battle of Evesham, 1265; William Cecil, Baron Burghley, statesman, London, 1598; John Bacon, sculptor, London, 1799; Hans Christian Andersen, Copenhagen, 1875; Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist and physicist, Treibach, Austria, 1929; Rodney ("Gypsy") Smith, evangelist, at sea, 1947; Roy Thomson, 1st Baron Thomson of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, 1976.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: John Wrottesley, 2nd Baron Wrottesley, astronomer, Stafford, 1798; Alexander Kinglake, historian, Taunton, 1809; Edward John Eyre, explorer and governor of Jamaica, Hornsea, Yorkshire, 1815; Guy de Maupassant, short story writer, Miromesnil, France, 1850; Conrad Aiken, novelist and poet, Savannah, Georgia, 1889; Harold Holt, prime minister of Australia 1966-67, Sydney, 1908.

DEATHS: James Gibbs, architect, London, 1754; Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guildford, prime minister 1770-82, London 1792; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral of the fleet, 1799; Friedrich Engels, co-author of Communist Manifesto (1848), London, 1895; Phil May, caricaturist, London, 1903; Arthur Meighen, prime minister of Canada 1920-21, 1926, Toronto, 1960; Marilyn Monroe, Los Angeles, 1962; Richard Burton, actor, Geneva, 1984.

The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed by Britain, USA and Russian, 1963.

Wax Chandlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Wax Chandlers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr R.N.P. Griffiths; Upper Warden, Mr J.H. Sleeman; Renter Warden, Mr M. Herbert; Deputy Master, Mr R.C. Chaventré.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

There in the square by the gate Ezra read the Law to them from dawn to noon, and they are listened attentively.
- Nehemiah 8 : 3 G.N.B.

BIRTHS

ABULHOUL - On August 1st, at Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Isobel (nee Rendell) and Abdullah, a daughter, Anayah Ayesha, a welcome sister for Lara, Mansoor, Shemma and Meddiyah.

BALL - On August 2nd 1990, to Corrine (née Betts) and Clive, two sons, Craig David and Liam Joshua. Thanks to staff at Kings College A.C.U. and Southlands Hospital.

BOOTHMAN - On August 1st, to Anne and Clive, a daughter, Georgina, a sister for Alexander and Harry.

BUXTON - On July 30th at the Lindo Wing, London, to Annabel and Richard, a daughter.

EAGAR - On August 2nd, at St John's, Chelmsford, to Pauline (née Lansdell) and David, a daughter, Sarah Louise, a sister for Joanna.

GRAY - On July 24th 1990, to Julie and Tim, a son, Toby Patrick Byrne, a brother for Jemma and Zoe.

MacFARLANE - On July 28th, at Katherine, Australia, to Patricia (nee Rutter) and Anthony, a son, Cameron Patrick Stuart, a brother for Angus.

POPE - On August 2nd, to Nicola (née Spankie) and Julian, a daughter, at The Portland Hospital. A sister for James and Emily.

POWELL - On August 3rd, at Hexham General, to Victoria and Minnow, a son, Toby Peter Jonathan, a brother for Jamie.

RILEY - On August 2nd 1990, to Pippa (née Vince) & Mark, a son, James Mark Curwen.

ROOT - On July 27th 1990, at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Lucy (née Parker) and Nicholas, a first son, Max Charles Peter.

SAWHNEY - On August 1st 1990, to Jazz and Dimple, a son.

TONER - On August 3rd 1990, to Emma (née Kain) and Gerald, their first child a son.

WARD - On July 31st 1990, to Sarah (née Morris) and Nigel, a daughter, Rosanna, a sister for Katherine.

MARRIAGES

BOSTOCK:CARPENTER - On August 2nd, at Winchester, Dr. Michael Bostock to Mrs Anne Carpenter.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BELL:WATERFIELD - On August 3rd 1940 at Montevideo, Ian Bell to Ruth Waterfield, 4a Father Lane, Bingham, Notts.

DEATHS

BAILEY - On August 1st 1990, Marjorie (Bill), beloved wife of Arlie Bailey and mother of Fernanda Rolle. She gave her body for medical research so there will be no funeral. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR, or to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

[illegible] - On August 2nd 1990, suddenly in Hobart, Tasmania, James Stewart. Dear husband of Rosanna (Cotrian) and father of Edwina and James.

DALTON - On July 31st 1990, John Brendan, beloved husband of Val. Requiem Mass will take place at Downside Abbey, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, on Monday August 6th at 12 noon. Enquiries to A.J. Wakely and Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

FALKENER - On August 2nd 1990, after a short illness, Margery, of Guernsey. Funeral Service at St Martin's, Parish Church on Tuesday August 7th at 2 pm, followed by cremation. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to R.N.L.I. c/o Hon. Treasurer, Board of Administration, Bulwer Avenue. A Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

GILLIES - On August 2nd 1990, at his home Kindar House, New Abbey, Dumfries, Col. Hugh S. Gillies M.C.D.L. (formerly K.O.S.B.). Loved husband of Christina and a dear father and grandfather. Service at St John's Church, Dumfries, on Tuesday August 7th at 2 pm. Funeral thereafter to New Abbey Churchyard, all friends respectively invited to attend. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Marie Curie Fund c/o Mrs M. Kirkpatrick, 3 Latimer Court, Lochside, Dumfries DG2 9PW.

ISON - On August 2nd, Elizabeth Graham, she of the indomitable spirit, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Dearly cherished by husband Aubrey, daughter Laura, sister Anne, brother-in-law Terence and all her nieces and nephews. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

KENDALL - On July 30th 1990 in Vancouver B.C., Nancy (née Cooksey) at peace in the love of her family Nick, Sarah, Simon, spouses and seven grandchildren.

LANE - Elsie, a good friend and loyal colleague. Formerly Director of Robert Lawrie Ltd., Alpine Equipment Specialists. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Wednesday August 8th 1990 at 2.45 pm. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons 071-387 6075. No flowers please, donations in lieu to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, Hackney, London E8 4SA.

MAKEPEACE - On August 1st, peacefully after long years of ill health, Sterne, of Steep Acre, Wraxall. Devoted husband of Joy and greatly loved father and grandfather to Anthony, Janet, Mia and Neil and father-in-law to Roger. Funeral Service at South Bristol Crematorium on Tuesday August 7th at 10.40 am. Please no flowers. Donations if you wish to The Childrens' Society.

MARTIN-SPERRY - On August 3rd 1990, at home, Derek, leaving his wife Vera and his four children Emma, Julian, Andrew and Christopher. For funeral details please contact Mrs Martin-Sperry, (0780) 410026.

MITCHELL - On August 1st 1990, in hospital, James (Jim), aged 75 years, of Charlton Mackrell, Somerset, formerly of Letty Green, Herts., devoted husband of Gwen. Funeral Service at Charlton Adam Church on Tuesday August 7th at 11.30 am. No flowers. Enquiries and if desired donations for Kidney Research c/o W.A. Forsey & Son Ltd., Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

RUANE - On August 2nd 1990, suddenly at home, Jonathan Miles, aged 35. Beloved husband of Alice, adored daddy of Charlotte and Georgina. Treasured son of Robin Blakesley and dearest brother of Kevin and Pippa. Funeral enquiries to L. Fulcher Ltd., tel: (0284) 754049.

RUSHTON - On August 3rd 1990, The Right Reverend Dom Dyfrig Rushton O.S.B., formerly Abbot of Prinknash, peacefully in his sleep. Funeral at Prinknash Abbey Thursday August 9th at 11 am.

SAGE - On August 1st 1990, Norman David Bridger O.B.E., of Prospects Combe, Oxford, as result of a road accident, beloved of his wife Jeanne, his daughters Rosemary, Valerie and Daphne and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A valiant heart. The funeral service will take place at St James Church, Stonesfield, on August 9th at 11 am, followed by cremation. Please no letters. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the National Trust for England and Wales c/o Green & Co., 21 High Street, Eynsham, Oxford OX8 1HE.

SALMON - On August 3rd, peacefully, Lady Wendy (née Benjamin), deeply mourned by her daughter Belinda, son Jonathan, brother Peter and eight grandchildren. Cremation 12 noon, August 6th, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, NW11.

SHEWRING - On August 2nd, Walter Shewring, Classics Master of Ampleforth College, York. Requiem Mass at Ampleforth Abbey on Monday August 6th at 10am.

SHARP - On August 2nd, suddenly but peacefully, Barbara, of Aldsworth, Cheltenham, much loved widow of Martin, mother of Christabel and Rosalind and Granny of Becki, Tessa and Anna. Quiet family funeral at Aldsworth, August 10th at 2 pm. Flowers to Norman Trotman Hughes, Northleach, tel: (0451) 60288.

WILLIAMSON - On July 31st, after a long illness, Bunty (Margaret), of Cobham, Surrey. Dearly loved wife of the late Eric. Sadly missed mother of Lindy and Mandy and grandmother of David and Andrew. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Asthma Campaign which with all enquiries c/o James & Thomas Ltd. F/D, Mill Rd., Cobham KT11 3AL.

WYLLIE - On August 3rd 1990, at Chacombe House Nursing Home, Dorothy, in her 99th year. Funeral Service on Wednesday August 8th at 3.30 pm at Oakley Wood Crematorium, near Wellesbourne, Warwickshire. Flowers please to Trinder Funeral Service, 122 Middleton Road, Banbury, Oxon.

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR & MRS F. [illegible] wish to announce the engagement of her youngest daughter, Sharon Kim, to Doctor Thomas Llewelyn Phillips, eldest son of Doctors J. K. & E. Phillips. Congratulations.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 005076 OF 1990
MR JUSTICE VINELOTT
IN THE MATTER OF AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION INSURANCE SERVICE HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd July 1990 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above company by £105,000,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26th July 1990
Dated this 4th day of August 1990
Herbert Smith,
Watling House,
35 Cannon Street,
London EC4M 5SD
Solicitors for the above named Company
Ref 127

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 006065 OF 1990
IN THE MATTER OF VIRGIN RETAIL LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23 July 1990 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £22,000,000 to £2,947,996 and the Minute approved by the High Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26 July 1990.
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The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date: 31 July 1990
DA Howell, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

Procedure de concordat pour les banques et les caisses d'epargne Canton de Geneve
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BRUIN Reginald Arthur of Bulway, Dunsfrus, Tring, Herts died on 11 April 1990 Particulars to Kidd Rapinet, Solicitors of 14 & 15 Craven Street, London WC2N 5AD, before 6 October 1990.

SABINE, Anthony Lennox of Two Roofs, Cherry Tree Avenue, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks, died on 30th April 1990. Particulars to Macdonald Stacey, Solicitors of 14/15 Craven Street, London WC2N 5AD, before 5 October 1990

BURT Mr Leonard Victor of 35 Paul Byrne House, Orchard Close, Finchley, London N3 died on 24th April 1990 Particulars to Charles Russell Solicitors of Hale Court, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3UL, before 5th October 1990.

Hall, Mrs Viola Florence Geraldine of 83 Eaton Place, London SW1 died on 30th August 1990 Particulars to Charles Russell Solicitors of Hale Court, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3UL, before 5th October 1990

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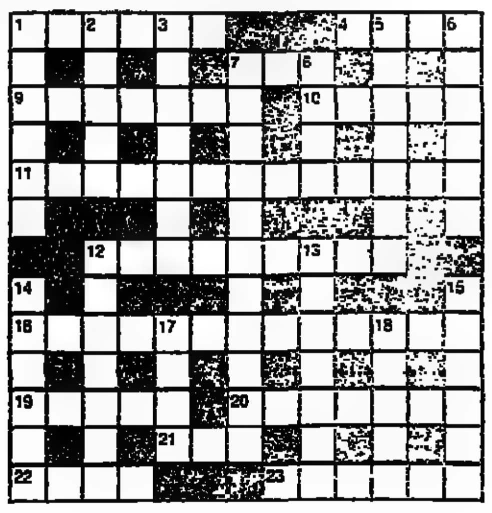

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WORD-WATCHING
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KOFTGARI
(a) Work in which a pattern traced on steel is inlaid with gold, from the Urdu koftgari, to beat + gari making: "Armour of extravagantly intricate koftgari was worn by the terrible Sikh horsemen."

DOCIMASY
(c) Scrutiny, application of tests, essaying, examination of drugs, originally in Athens a judicial enquiry into the character and antecedents of applicants for public office, from the Greek dokimazein to examine: "The applications of chemistry to docimasy."

SNOOL
(a) One who submits tamely to wrong or oppression, a tame, abject, or mean-spirited person, a wet wimp, of obscure origin: "Your snools in love, and cowards in war/Frae maiden grace are banish'd far."

HUFFER
(b) A long roll or section of French bread with a sandwich filling, commonly met in pub food, perhaps, not probably, derived from a confusion with huffkins, a sort of teacake formerly made in Kent, or with huff, a Gloucestershire word for light pastry or pie crust.

AUGUST 4 — ON THIS DAY — 1919

A short-lived Metropolitan Police strike in support of a police union spread to Birmingham and Liverpool where, out of a force of about 1,500, more than 500 were on strike. Throughout the weekend, there was extensive looting.

HOOLIGANS IN LIVERPOOL

Central Liverpool tonight represents a war zone and as I write this evening the report comes that there has been firing and wounds. Soldiers with steel helmets and fixed bayonets patrol the streets. Vast crowds gather and gaze on the scenes of last night's orgy of destruction and St. George's Hall presents an impressive background to a laager containing hundreds of soldiers.

There are military lorries containing complements of armed men, awaiting any call that may be made, and grimmest and most significant of all, several tanks. Hundreds of yards of shop frontages in London-road, Byrom-street, Scotland-road and elsewhere are boarded up or in process of being so protected, but, in most cases, the precaution has been taken too late, for last night boot stores, jewellers' shops, furniture houses, and big stores were smashed, looted and wrecked. Today's simile is that London-road is the Ypres of Liverpool.

The trouble began late on Friday night when several shops were wrecked. The hooligans of the Scotland-road and dock areas took advantage of the depletion of the police force and let themselves go. Last night's developments were worse than was anticipated, for it was thought that the presence in the town of 100 soldiers might have a salutary effect.

Anarchy broke out, and even in Liverpool's unfortunate history of strike troubles the position was apparently never more serious. Streets were crowded more densely than usual, and there was a feeling of apprehension in the air. It was as though people were asking what might happen. Apprehension was speedily justified. Soldiers were on guard at spots where disturbance was deemed likely, and a cordon was drawn across London-road where it faced St. George's Plateau.

It was in London-road that the storm broke. Shortly before midnight there came reports of looting in Scotland-road, Great Homer-street and parts of West Derby-road. The first signal was the attack on the premises of Mr. Latarche, jeweller, London-road, where the looters, after smashing the window, got away with the valuables.

Gangs of youths and young men proceeded along the thoroughfare, stopping at first one shop and then another. The air resounded with the crash of large plate-glass windows. The looters carried pieces of iron, heavy stones and other missiles, which they used to demolish the panes, while in some cases the doors were prised open with the ease and ingenuity of the cracksman. Huge gaps in the windows having been made, the youths, fearless of pieces of glass, jumped in and made a lightning sweep of the articles. The roadway was littered with goods, from watches to costumiers' dummies. It was done quickly and only a short distance from the guard of soldiers.

The position soon became worse. A city magistrate arrived and the soldiers made an advance up London-road with bayonets levelled. The marauders took to their heels up side strets, but, with the most daring audacity, quickly came into the open again, after the troops had advanced up the road and resumed their smashing work.

In one district, rough-looking women, out for loot, kept close to the youths and indicated which shops were likely centres for spoil. Then the youths went upon their work of spoliation...

Bayonet charges were the order of the night, for while events were going forward in London-road, the Scotland-road and Great Homer-street areas were centres of similar trouble. Many shops, principally grocers, boot and clothing establishments, were being sacked, and in this locality the sum total of damage and loot was on a far greater scale than on the previous evening. So serious did the state of affairs become here that a volley of rifle fire was tried as an expedient. It was between three and four o'clock, before there was any sign of matters subsiding, but the areas had to be guarded throughout the night...

Changing face

White for the boys in blue

For at least a decade Hampshire county council has been the front-runner in public architecture, consistently producing new buildings and adapting old ones with imagination and flair. Nowhere are these talents seen to better advantage than at the new 43-acre police training headquarters at Netley, on the east bank of Southampton Water, which cost almost £20 million and was opened last month by the Duchess of York.

Here, until the 1960s, stood one of the grandest hospitals in the country, stretching a quarter of a mile, with its own quay, railway, laundry, school, workshops and even a gasworks. During the second world war American soldiers took to driving Jeeps along the endless corridors. Earlier, the Royal Victoria Hospital was a sanatorium for soldiers returning shattered from the Crimea. Florence Nightingale, however, considered that architectural pomp had been put before the needs of the invalids.

When the hospital closed in the 1960s, all the buildings were demolished except for the clock tower and the psychiatric block, Victoria House, the only mental hospital ever built by the British Army.

The first phase of the new police headquarters comprised a glazed atrium in the courtyard of the old block, supported on tubular columns which branched out with the grace of Gothic fan-vaulting. Next, Ian Templeton, the head of design at the county architect's department, blended in a large new block of laboratories for the fraud squad, a colour photographic processing unit, a technical services unit, a scene-of-crime department, and a major incidents emergency suite.

Each department insisted on being at ground level and the result was a block of solid building with a footprint considerably larger than the original Victoria House. Everyone is used to seeing conservatories and white marquees on spreading lawns, and this image was the key to Mr Templeton's solution. "Everyone exclaims: 'What on earth is this?'," says David Hopwood, the superintendent in charge. But after the initial shock most people like the blend of old and new. Mr Templeton thinks the idea of an all-white building "may have come from seeing a vast roof all covered in snow".

As the block of buildings is so large and dense it had to be top lit. The county architects long ago abandoned flat roofs but economy dictated the cheapest possible parallel gables — in effect, little more than a warehouse. Mr Templeton was able to break the mould by choosing a beam system of German origin, Vierendeel, on which the entire weight of the roof is supported at the apex on long, deep beams. When the sun shines from east to west, the light falls on the beams rather than the people below. The beams are, in turn, carried on columns about 30 to 40 yards apart, so that walls and partitions can be moved as needs change.

On the west front, the beams project like prows beyond the gable ends. Initially, the intention was to sculpt the ends in the likeness of the county's chief constables. Budget considerations eliminated such flourishes, as well as the coloured glass intended for the end windows. But these windows are none the less intriguingly anthropomorphic, with the hint of faces with small panes like eyes at the sides and rounded chins.

Further movement is created by stepping the gable ends back and forth like a series of organ pipes, the interplay heightened by the protruding trellis walls, planted inside with large yews.

> The cost eliminated sculpting the beam ends in the likeness of chief constables

Inside, the new Palmerston block as it is called, is laid out round a series of glass-topped walkways with shingle gardens and islands, planted in the Japanese manner. The aim is to emulate the luxurious green courtyards and walkways at the county's college of technology at Farnborough. More contentious is the new gymnasium block, already dubbed the "bottlebank". The architect, Huw Thomas, is now in private practice winning bouquets for his accomplished barn conversions. Here he was determined to dispense with the usual ugly gymnasium box, hence the sloping roofs. The facilities are first class. What jars are the strident exterior colours — virulent pea and bottle green, which clash with each other even more than with the countryside around. Thought is being given to toning down one of the colours. It cannot happen too soon.

Hampshire police staff spend one or two days each month training here. "The aim," Mr Hopwood says, "is to create an atmosphere where people no longer feel forced to attend but want to come."

The money spent on the building has mea5nt cuts elsewhere, for example on improvements to police stations. But in creating a single complex for the whole county, Hampshire hopes to recoup some of the cost by inviting other forces to use it.

MARCUS BINNEY

Walking tall in a £20 million temple of anti-crime: the new Hampshire police training headquarters alongside Southampton Water

Swimming as nature intended

A quick dip into the options for pool and beach-haters

AS THE temperature soars, the dream of recapturing those magic moments of childhood, splashing about in ponds, rivers, canals and lakes, becomes ever more seductive.

But in an increasingly sanitised, security-obsessed society, it is difficult to find anything other than a chlorinated local swimming pool in which to cool down on a scorching afternoon. The natural places still exist, of course, but many of them are no-go areas, covered by bylaws and health warnings. The ones where swimming is officially allowed frequently have lifeguards on duty and routine pollution checks.

The three famous ponds in north London — Highgate Pond (for men), Kenwood Pond (for women) and Hampstead Pond (mixed bathing) — are checked monthly to ensure that they conform to EC guidelines on natural bathing ponds. They also have their own lifeguards. Entry is free and the ponds are open all week.

Also in London is the Serpentine in Hyde Park. Members of the 147-year-old Serpentine club swim "at their own risk" in the main lake, which is now affected by blue-green algae. There is, however, a lido area which is chlorinated and open from May to September at a cost of £2 for adults, £1 children.

> The main lake of the Serpentine in Hyde Park is currently affected by the epidemic of blue-green algae

In Oxford the public can swim in three small tributaries of the Thames at Wolvercote, Tumbling Bay and Longbridges. Wooden weirs separate them from other river users.

In Sutton Park, Birmingham, swimmers sometimes take a dip in Bracebridge Pool, despite notices prohibiting them from doing so. Since it is regularly used by a local swimming club, however, it is not always possible to keep the public out. The local council prefers swimmers to use the unheated lido in the park. Cost: £1.20 adults, 60p children.

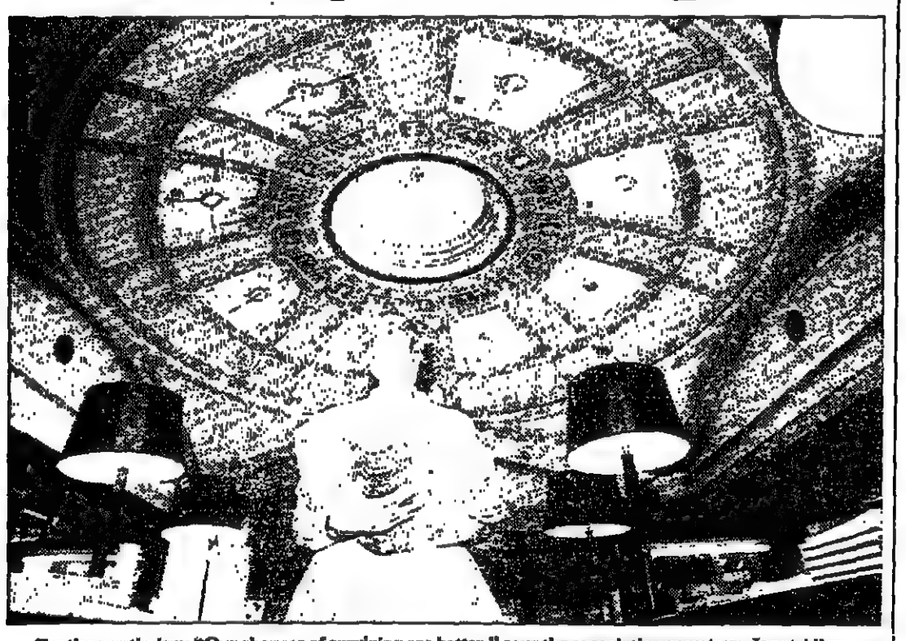
For those who live on the coast but hate beaches, there are dozens of natural rock pools tucked away, such as the one at the south end of Whitley Bay in Tyne and Wear.

One of the problems of bathing in natural waters is the risk of drowning as a result of the shock induced by sudden cold, according to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Even during heatwaves the temperature beneath the surface can be "paralytically cold".

Other potential risks include a fatal virus, *leptospirosis*, carried by rats, which penetrates through the ears, eyes, nose and throat of swimmers or through cuts or abrasions, and causes Weil's disease. There is also the notorious blue-green algae which can cause illnesses ranging from skin rashes and eye irritation to vomiting, diarrhoea and fever.

SALLY BROMPTON

Starting new chapters



Cautious optimism: "Our chances of surviving are better," says the association secretary, Janet Allen

BRITAIN'S subscription libraries, some more than 200 years old, are an endangered species. However, after a year's campaign to make their services better known, the Association of Independent Libraries has celebrated its first anniversary with optimism.

The association comprises 12 libraries from Newcastle upon Tyne to Penzance, which banded together to publicise their existence and facilities. Eleven are housed in buildings of special architectural interest.

Founded between 1768 and 1841, before the creation of the public library service in about 1850, the subscription libraries combine care of their historic buildings and collections with stocking the latest publications.

Unlike most other libraries, they are owned by their members. Annual subscriptions range from £5 to £80. The association's president is Lord Quinton, the former chairman of the British Library.

Most of the libraries are valuable buildings set in prime sites. Millions of pounds are needed for maintaining and restoring buildings and keeping older stock in condition.

Each library has a special character. Nearly all the books have been bought at the request of members, so the contents reveal much about those who have used the libraries over the decades.

Janet Allan, the secretary of the association and the librarian of the Portico, in Manchester, says: "Between all the libraries in the association there are more than one and three-quarter million books, many of them rare.

> Subscription libraries are gaining a higher profile, and not just because of their books

"Because they have been so well read for over 100 years, a huge number of the volumes need conservation and re-binding. Here in Manchester, the early industrial pollution meant that acidity in the air made the paper very brittle.

"We remove the binding, then wash each page separately in a special solution that cancels out the acidity. It's a slow process. Straightforward jobs we send out, difficult restoration we do here."

The largest and most famous of the group is the London Library, in St James's Square, with one million volumes. The Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution has internationally famous collections of Samuel Coleridge, John Betjeman and of London history.

In Belfast, the Linen Hall Library, operating from a former linen warehouse, has an impressive Irish and local-studies collection and publishes a literary quarterly, The Linen Hall Review.

The Leeds Library, founded in 1768, is the oldest in the association and is now sited in an 1808 classical building. Tavistock Subscription Library is the smallest, housed in a restored medieval abbey gateway with just 1,500 books.

In Nottingham the Subscription Library is in a 1752 townhouse enclosed by a walled garden, in Penzance it is set in 3.5 acres of semi-tropical gardens. The Devon and Exeter Institution, in Exeter, has a mass of books, newspapers and maps relating to the south-west.

Amenities at the Birmingham and Midlands Institute range from a theatre seating 300 to facilities for art exhibitions and banquets. In Newcastle upon Tyne, the Literary and Philosophical Society, founded in 1793, is home to 140,000 books, many of them old and rare, but much of the stock in Plymouth Proprietorial Library was destroyed during the blitz, along with its original elegant building. The collection has been re-built and re-housed.

Manchester's Portico Library is housed in a Georgian building with a domed and pillared interior, containing 25,000 books, mainly 19th century. Members can still dine in the reading room.

There is particular pride in the collection of first editions by Elizabeth Gaskell, the Manchester novelist, whose husband William was chairman of the Portico for more than 30 years. Mrs Allan says: "The public library service is becoming rundown, some libraries shutting on certain days during the week and most unable to afford as many books. More people are becoming aware of us and we will be campaigning for further financial help.

"Although we are still under threat, there is now a far better chance of our surviving to look after both the libraries and all those beautiful books, many of which are the only copies existing in public collections outside the British Library."

BERNARD SILK

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

● **Summer in the City:** Week-long festival begins today with a free family day — music, dancing, games, Punch and Judy, Rubik competitions. Events suitable for children aged 2-11 and parents. Fireworks on last day at 10.30pm.
Barbican Centre, London EC2, until Aug 11. Tomorrow 12.30-6pm, then daily from 11am, free. Workshops £1, £2 (further information 071-638 4141, exn 218).

● **British Transplant Games:** Golf, volleyball, tennis, athletics, swimming and other competitive games — in aid of all organ transplants.
Crystal Palace National Centre, London SE20, today 9am-6pm, tomorrow 9.30am-5.30pm, £1.

● **Nottingham riverside and organ festival:** Street fair, barrel organ, jazz, street theatre and, tonight at 10.30pm, a fireworks display.
Victoria Embankment and city streets, Nottingham, today noon to 11pm, tomorrow 2-10pm, free.

● **Open air Scottish dancing:** Groups and societies show their talents. Also Highland dancing, bands, and a piper.
Paternoster Square, London EC4, today and each Saturday until Aug 25, 6.30-8pm (information 0372 724487).

● **Bristol harbour regatta:** Annual rally of more than 250 pleasure boats from regional boat clubs. Continous programme of events and displays in and around the harbour.
Bristol city docks, today 1-10pm, tomorrow 1-6pm, free.

● **Enfield steam and country show:** Steam engines, traditional and country crafts, pastimes and skills and a variety of other entertainments.
Trent Park, Barnet, today, tomorrow 11am-6pm. £2.50, child £1.50.

NEXT WEEK

● **The Mapapa Acrobats:** Kenya's famous entertainers on their first visit to Britain.
Waterman's Park, Waterman's Arms, Brentford, Middlesex, Mon-Wed, 8.30pm, £5.95 (box office 081-568-1176).

● **Facets of China:** Exhibition of photographs taken by Keith Cardwell on an extensive tour; a limited edition of prints will be on sale.
Neal Street East, Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2. Mon to Aug 31 during normal opening hours.

● **Great British beer festival:** CAMRA's national festival. Pub games and live music in the evening.
Brighton Metropole Hotel, King Road, Brighton, Sussex, Tue-Fri during normal pub opening hours.

● **Dream merchants:** Important exhibition (on loan from the International Museum of Photography in New York) about the making and selling of films in Hollywood's golden age.
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3535). Thurs until Sept 12.

JUDY FROSHAUG

Help: James Willing, personal caterer

Easy living in the grand manner

IF you feel like a grand weekend, a stay in an Italian villa, or simply the pleasure of entertaining overnight guests at home without the stress of organising and catering, Selby's, a small company which specialises in weekend house-parties, can arrange it all for you.

Selby's will rent a suitable manor house or French château, or its staff will slip quietly into your home, providing everything from meals and wine to cutlery and crockery to make your weekend as easy as possible.

James Willing, aged 30 (Selby is his middle name), founded the company two-and-a-half years ago and has seen it grow from a one-man operation, in which he played cook, butler and housekeeper for the weekend in other people's homes, to a sophisticated business offering elaborate theme parties and weekends abroad.

Planning parties for private and corporate clients forms a substantial part of the business, but Mr Willing, a former assistant manager of Prue Leith's outside catering division, Leith's Good Food, says it is the organisation of private weekends which gives the company a specialist niche in the market.

From the moment Selby's arrives (in the shape of Mr Willing or, more often these days, one of his two partners, Clare Burrows or David Rich) there are scented soaps in the bathrooms and fresh flowers on the tables.

"I used to kill myself doing everything on my own," Mr Willing admits. "But now we always take at least two people, because you can't produce really wonderful meals and do all the cleaning and tidying and other preparation yourself."

JOHN MANNING

Table manners: James Willing, taking the worry out of entertaining

If the weekend staff cannot be accommodated on site, they will find lodgings nearby and return at 7am on Saturday morning with the day's newspapers, ready to serve a traditional English breakfast, or an American breakfast with blueberry pancakes and maple syrup, or even scrambled eggs with caviar and brioches.

Then they will pack you and your guests off with a picnic lunch of something light, such as chicken and leek tarts, salads, cheeses and breads, and you will come home to dinner — whether it's just a simple soup, casserole and a pie filled with fruit from your own orchard, or something much more elaborate.

"It's up to the client to decide what they want, and we offer suggestions," says Mr Willing.

Advance meetings with clients will establish whether there is suitable china and cutlery available, or whether it needs to be brought, together with other specialist supplies, such as Mr Willing's favourite sort of unpasteurised farmhouse cheese from a London supplier. He will make use of local produce wherever possible.

"We've started renting one manor house quite regularly, Passenham Manor in Northamptonshire, a ten-bedroom house overlooking a lake," says Mr Willing. "There we charge £3,000 for a weekend for eight people, including wines and food."

If Selby's comes to your house the price will vary depending upon what equipment needs to be provided, and what travelling and accommodation expenses are involved. However, Mr Willing estimates that the price will work out at about £250 per person per weekend, all inclusive.

"But it's not just rich people who hire us," he emphasises. It can be someone splashing out for a special birthday party or an anniversary celebration, or an effort to impress a particular group of friends.

Butlers and maids can be provided for events held in large houses and for formal occasions, and Mr Willing has a nanny on call for more informal arrangements.

VICTORIA MCKEE

● *Selby's, Warriner House, 140 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (071-498 7455).*

Retreating to country calm

Home from home: Caroline Jackson

Caroline Jackson, the Conservative MEP for Wiltshire, says she sometimes feels as if she lives at Heathrow Airport. She flys to Brussels, where she rents a one-room flat, at least twice a month for committee meetings, and stays in a hotel in Strasbourg during the one week each month that the European Parliament sits.

She also shares a two-bedroomed Victorian flat in Westminster with her husband Robert Jackson, the Conservative MP for Wantage who until recently was the minister for higher education and science and was made employment minister in the last reshuffle. There she spends the weekdays when she is in England and maintains what she considers a vital office and political base.

Almost every weekend — and during parliamentary recesses — she escapes to the calm of a retreat the couple have established over the past six years in the Oxfordshire countryside where their constituencies overlap.

"Everything here is fake," says the MEP who is the environment and consumer protection representative in the Conservative group. The murals in the circular reception hall and the dining room of the 18th-century building are what might be termed "nouveau neo-classical", painted by a friend to include the Jackson's cat and their favourite birds and flowers.

The statues which adorn every nook and table are from moulds made from great classical works and the paintings are unabashed copies of Old Masters. The "malachite" fireplace is one of many *trompe-l'oeil* paintwork illusions, like the intricately carved "wooden" manteipiece which is really painted plaster.

"In the period in which the house was built everyone had fakes, so why shouldn't we? None of these things would be available to people of our means otherwise," Mrs Jackson says.

The dramatic interior design, Mrs Jackson makes clear, is all down to her husband, who has "strong ideas" — and original ones — about what he wants and will go to great lengths to seek it out or to create it. "I just live in it, enjoy it and tend the vegetable garden."

For her, the house is a cocoon from the whirlwind which is her life the rest of the week. Here she can play the grand piano to accompany her husband's singing, take long walks in the surrounding countryside, and indulge her passion for gardening in the landscaped grounds where giant busts of ancient goddesses glare at the unsuspecting from around every corner and a magnificent naked man looks down at an ornamental fish pond.

"We get most of our statuary in the same atelier in Brussels that Robert discovered when he was there as an MEP, and that I have since visited regularly."

The six-bedroomed country house (18th century with an early 19th century addition that nearly doubles the space) gave the Jacksons scope, for the first time, to collect the outsized artefacts they love. One enormous room — which can cope with 200 for constituency parties and 100 for musical evenings — contains the Four Moral Virtues (Justice, Prudence, Temperance and Fortitude) as well as numerous other impressive pieces.

"We felt it was important to have somewhere in the constituency that could be used for entertaining and we do quite a lot here," Mrs Jackson says. "We had a Euro-garden party recently, and one day we had every level of government here, MEPs, MPs, county councillors, district councillors and about 70 parish councillors."

Each of the Jacksons has a study; Mr Jackson is learning classical Greek in his on the ground floor, while Mrs Jackson bashes out papers on unsafe bathing beaches and the enforcement of EC legislation on food safety on the word processor in hers on the first floor, a room which she acknowledges is "the one place where the design of the house completely collapses".

The room is a jumble of books, papers and pictures of Cornwall, where she was brought up and which she still considers her spiritual home.

Mrs Jackson, from Penzance, and Mr Jackson, from South Africa, met at Oxford university where they read history. She has an Oxford doctorate and was a Research Fellow at St Hugh's College, Oxford, and he a Fellow at All Souls. She learned her Greek the traditional way, she teases. "He's trying to do it in two weeks."

The house had been a prep school for many years before they bought it and had stood derelict for five. "Robert and I still wear the grey and red school socks that we found when we moved in — and we discovered some anxious revision notes stuffed in cupboards," Mrs Jackson says.

Settling into the country house for the summer is as good as a holiday, she says. "We don't feel the need to go anywhere else — although we have just returned from Cornwall, where I took some wonderful walks."

Normally life for Mrs Jackson is "rather like being in the commandos, with a suitcase always packed", she says, "white knickers for London, coloured for the country, embroidery for the plane."

She regards her home as an oasis of tranquility. "It's always a great relief to get back. I wouldn't ever want to move from here."

ALAN WELLER

Party tricks: Caroline Jackson, MEP, is passionate about gardening and statues — most of which come from "an atelier in Brussels"

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

A walk on the wild side

THE wildlife of Suffolk is crying out in unison: "Juliet, Juliet, wherefore art thou Juliet?" In this intensive farming area, the wildlife firmly believes that she is one of their few friends. And Juliet Hawkins, young and lovely, returns their devotion. She *is* our Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, known less romantically as FWAG. Each county has one, paid for with a species-rich mixture of cash: conscience money from the agro-chemical industry, a grant from the Countryside Commission and others, and old-fashioned fund-raising. Last weekend, the Suffolk branch held a hog roast: the pig presumably happy to make the ultimate sacrifice to help his compatriots down in the green verges.

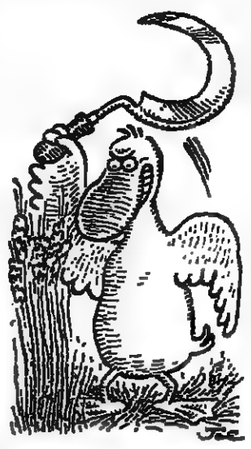
Ms Hawkins's job is to move the birds and bees slightly higher up the farmer's list of priorities. Since this is a county where one smallholder was recently asked to restrict the movements of his pet duck as it was threatening the neighbour's corn crop — which totalled no less than 600 acres — I would imagine that being a wildlife adviser here is like cheering for Everton in the middle of the Liverpool crowd.

So I asked her round. I thought that having spent the last six months worrying about the soil, what goes into it and what might eventually come out of it, the time was ripe to raise my eyes to a wider world of nature.

Like a green tornado, Ms Hawkins swept around the farm, her eyes scanning ditches, hedges and verges with the enthusiasm of Patrick Moore discovering a black hole. She dismissed our hedge as being "quite recent" (only a couple of centuries old) but was thrilled by our pollarded elms, which she said were sure to denote ancient boundaries.

At the old meadow the thrills came fast and furious as each tuft of rough grass was declared to be home to the most special of butterflies. Pity. I've been promising myself for weeks to tidy that mess. I started to steer the conversation round to what I hoped was going to be a lucrative discussion about how a few pots of gold might drift our way to replace our ripped-out hedges. But there was no peace. Ms Hawkins had seen a huge bird. She declared it to be a marsh harrier. I had thought it was a seagull.

FWAG has done great work in this county in persuading farmers that even if you factory-farm, you can always find room for the wild side of life. But the public have as much to learn as the farmers. Take my 200-year-old hedge, of which I am rather fond. It is largely spiky blackthorn to dissuade stock from barging through it, and over the years a wealth of wild roses has twined into it. When I asked how best to care for it, I was advised "to cut it down to within four inches of the ground". A conservationist calls it coppicing and can get away with such behaviour: a casual observer might call it vandalism. In fact, Ms Hawkins told me of an old man who, complete with hedger's traditional tools, was doing a splendid job of coppicing a farm hedge. He gave up when too many tourists accused him of blighting the countryside.



I certainly foresee problems with our pond. It nestles in a quiet corner of an old meadow and though now overgrown, with a little loving care and the help of a great big digger it could become our premier wildlife haven — providing I keep the ducks off it. Ducks, it seems, kill the insects, frogs and toads and erode the banks with their coarse, unselective webbed feet. "Encourage the moorhens, but not the ducks," she warned me. This is all very well, but how do I explain to the uninformed and the children that I'm shooing the pretty little ducks away in the name of nature? Poor ducks. And poor me, for doesn't that put me in the same miserable class as the barley-baron who ordered the lone duck off his land? Problems, problems. Nobody could be keener than me to fill up every inch of his hedges with wildlife, but the course of true love never did run smooth.

Feather report

Flying off at a tangent

YOU know where you are with birds of prey. At least, I always thought so. But I have just returned from my hols in Africa with my faith in their reliability shattered.

Birds of prey are fliers: that is what they are supremely adapted for. They fly about and drop on things from above: a straightforward and rather satisfying way of making a living.

Different birds of prey do it in slightly different ways. Peregrines crash on to flying birds; kestrels hover and drop like shuttlecocks. Vultures soar and alight on carrion; ospreys and fish eagles pounce on fish. The snake eagles of Africa have cornered the snakey end of the market and eat little else; they have evolved scaley legs as protection from bites, and poisonous and non-poisonous snakes are alike to them.

In England, the marsh harrier quarters the reed beds on wings lifted in a shallow V and drops on its prey from above. So, when I saw a typical harrier overfly Lake Kariba on the Zambia/Zimbabwe border, I naturally assumed that it earned its living in the normal, harrier fashion.

I was in a canoe at the time, threading my way through a maze of drowned trees. Lake Kariba is man-made, only 28 years old, and everywhere shallow enough is a half-submerged forest of dead mopane trees.

This harrier was already familiar: I had seen several of its kind. It was the commonest bird of prey to be seen, apart from the fish eagles. It was called a gymnogene.

I watched it fly over the canoe and glide down on to one of the dead trees. Then it did something so bizarre that I could hardly believe what I was watching. It landed and then *hugged* the tree with its wings. Its head vanished inside the tree.

Birds of prey don't hug trees, I knew, but that one did. The reason why it did so opens the great Pandora's Box of evolution — of, if you like, the meaning of life.

For the gymnogene, although a superb flier like all harriers, does not live the conventional harrier's life. It is a specialist tree-hugger. This bird has given up quartering the ground and dropping on prey. Instead, it has become a poker and clamberer. The gymnogene lives on all the delightful things you can find in cracks and crevices: reptiles, amphibians, nestlings, small mammals, insects and birds eggs. It seems to use its wings more for balance than for grip when it goes into its tree-hugging routine.

Hole-nesting birds are a special delicacy and the gymnogene has a strange adaptation all the better to eat them with. It has extra long, double-jointed legs with which it reaches into holes, around corners, and grabs the nestlings out one by one. It can bend 150° forward and 40° back, and there is a fair amount of lateral movement as well. The only hole-nester safe from the gymnogene is the hornbill, which walls up its nest with mud as a defence.

Gymnogenes can walk upside-down on branches; hang upside-down for ages. They are bold enough to grab swallow chicks from nests beneath the eaves of houses. They have a specially small head that can reach into an impossibly narrow crack.

What they have done is to claim a vacant ecological niche. No other bird is capable of earning its living the gymnogene way. The bird's uniqueness is what has enabled it to survive and prosper. That is how evolution — life — operates: a fundamental principle that the gymnogene demonstrates to perfection. On Lake Kariba it prospers, I suspect, as never before. I have no doubt that the reason there are so many gymnogenes is because there are so many dead trees: millions of them, all of them a mass of cracks and crevices. No other bird can exploit them as well.

With Lake Kariba, man has created a gymnogene heaven, and with it a gymnogene glut. Eventually the mopane trees will rot down and disappear, and when that happens, the gymnogene numbers will fall away. That is tough on the gymnogenes — but that, after all, is life is it not?

SIMON BARNES

Robin Jacques

Breeding

Toys on four legs

"WELCOME to Toy Town" says a minute sign, entirely appropriately for the Lilliputian world of Toyhorse International, the Sussex stud where Tikki Adorian's British-bred Miniature Horses reign supreme.

The newest arrival is a week-old colt, 18in high, whose mother, Lucky Gem — a skewbald, or pinto in American terminology — looms over her foal by 10in. The American influence is strong, since the American Miniature Horse Association is the only registry dealing with true miniatures of 34in and under.

This year marks the silver jubilee of Mrs Adorian's stud. She has been a miniatures enthusiast since she learnt to ride on a miniature Shetland pony at the age of three. "That was 45 years ago, on the downs at Arundel, and my younger sister rode a donkey," she said. "My fascination with miniatures simply never stopped growing."

She did not set out to breed them. "It all started with Hurtwood Romany, who was bought as a pet." He was followed by Edwina, and from the two pure breeds came a long line of miniature horses.

NOW Toyhorse International is probably the largest stud of its kind in Europe, currently selling 80 to 100 foals a year. "It's rather fun to know that the Toyhorse prefix is known world-wide," Mrs Adorian says. At the stud's first production sale last year, 50 miniature horses were auctioned. The second annual sale will take place on October 20, when Mrs Adorian hopes to set a new record. Her Toyhorse Treacle sold in 1988 for $20,000, which is the current record price for a Shetland pony.

At this year's sale, prices are likely to start at around 450 guineas. "Our prices are nothing by American standards," says Mrs Adorian, who has many American customers. "There, an American miniature horse recently fetched $150,000 in Texas.

Through the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society, the pedigree reaches back as far as 1870. "The Americans have some very fine ones, but mine are 100 per cent British Miniatures," Mrs Adorian says. It is important to know that American and British ways of measuring can differ, she adds; "in Britain we measure from the wither bone, while the American measurement is from the base of the mane."

Miniatures of any colour are accepted for the international registry, and all colours other than spots are included in the Shetland registry. Miniature Shetlands also register at under 34in.

Miniature horses should be treated like any others when it comes to feeding and stabling. Daily exercise need take no more than ten minutes a day. And miniature horses have a great deal of character. "They cause a lot of amusement and no two are ever the same," says Mrs Adorian, who runs her business with five stud assistant trainees.

In America, miniature horses are rarely ridden, instead they are used for carriage driving. "But they are fine for a child learning to ride and they make wonderful pets. Some you would hardly need to break to put a child on top. Of course, it all depends on character, as with any other horse."

Mrs Adorian also runs carriage driving courses each September and October. "We drive singles, pairs, tandems, fours or whatever," she says. At the end of this month she is travelling to America for the annual miniature horses show in Oklahoma City. She likes to keep up to date because fashions can change in miniature horses even if, superficially, there may not seem much scope for variation. "The most popular miniatures right now are the more elegant, and I have used Welsh mountain ponies in some to give more refined animals," she says.

Refined miniature horses are fine boned, incorporating the "draft" type into the overall elegant little horse. The breed objective is the smallest possible perfect horse, featuring symmetry, strength, agility and alertness. Manes and tails are lustrous and silky. One of the stud sires, Toyhorse Alpine Boy, which stands at 30½in, is a white/grey pinto who carries his head lightly, typifying the refined type of miniature horse.

After this October's sale the stud numbers will revert to their customary winter quota of about 220, but private sales take place all year round. Buyers often arrive without warning from as far afield as Australia, apparently undeterred by travelling and quarantine costs amounting to about £2,000 for each miniature horse.

SANDY BISP

● *Toyhorse International is holding an open day on September 2, which is expected to draw 4,000 visitors. For further information contact the stud at Howick Farm, The Haven, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9SQ (040372 2639).*

JOHN WILLIAMS

Small equine wonder: Tikki Adorian with one of her miniature horses

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

● **England during the Wars of the Roses:** Small re-enactment group in an authentic camp site showing various aspects of life in the Middle Ages, including skirmishes and courtly dances.
Littlecote House, Hungerford, Berkshire (0488 684 766), tomorrow 10am-5.30pm, £4.95, child £3.95.

● **Staithes and Runswick lifeboat day:** Air-sea rescue and combat displays, Spitfires, sideshows, stalls, raffles and games. Also a regatta and carnival including funfair and vintage cars at Whitby harbour.
Runswick Bay, near Whitby, north Yorkshire, today from 10.30am, Staithes from 2pm, free.

● **Walk with the warden:** Guided tour of the estate surrounding the medieval, moated manor house. Dogs on leads.
Ightham Mote, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, today. Meet car park 2.30pm, £2 bookable on 0732 810378.

● **Family fun day:** Seaside orientated entertainments including donkey rides, kite-flying, clowns and Punch and Judy.
Coughton Court, near Alcester, Warwickshire (0789 762435), today 2-6pm, £1, child 50p

● **Riddlesden revels day:** Family entertainment includes period music and dancing, children's shows and games, demonstrations of embroidery and spinning.
East Riddlestone Hall, Bradford Road, Keighley, west Yorkshire (0535 607075), tomorrow, 12noon to 5pm, £1.80, child 90p.

● **Family weekend:** Events for all ages based on the theme of nature conservation, and traditional beach activities.
Dunwich Heath, Dunwich, Saxmundham, Suffolk (072 873 505), today, tomorrow 11am-5pm, free, car park £1.

● **Fool's jig:** Medieval funnery, music and other period entertainment.
Erdigg Hall, near Wrexton, Clwyd (0798 355 314), today from 1pm. Small admission charge.

● **Wrest Park summerstage:** The London Mozart Players with a romantic concert including Handel's Water Music, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, Schubert's Rondo for Violins. Programme concludes with Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks. Take a picnic, rugs.
Wrest Park, near Silsoe, Luton, Bedfordshire, gates open 6pm, concert 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50, £8.50 (information and booking, 0898 202023).

● **Heavy horse working day:** See Suffolk punches at work and look at the many rare breeds of animals — cattle, sheep, goats, hens, pigs, ponies and horses. Also a dairy museum, childrens play areas, cream teas, free-range produce shop.
Dorset Rare Breeds Centre and Farm Museum, Park Farm, Shaftsbury Road, Gillingham, Dorset (0747 822169), tomorrow 10am-6pm, £2, child £1.50

● **Highland bird watching:** Visit the most popular RSPB reserve and you may still be able to see osprey nesting sites. Information warden on hand, public observation post with video camera.
Loch Garten, off B970 to Nethy Bridge, Speyside, Highlands. This weekend and next (information 031 556 5624).

NEXT WEEK

● **Magic Flute:** Open-air opera by the Beaufort Opera Company.
Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour, Dorset, Mon-Sun, nightly 7.30pm, £6, child £3, includes ferry (tickets bookable on 0202 707744).

● **Landscape explorer walk:** Led by a National Trust warden through a farming landscape featuring conservation and natural history.
Tilberwaite, Cumbria, Wed; meet Tilberwaite car park, off the A593 Ambleside-Coniston Road, 2pm.

● **Children's funday:** Kite-flying throughout the afternoon. Bring your own or buy one on site.
Blakeney Friary Hills, Norfolk, Thurs 1-5pm (further information 0263 740480)

● **Aberdulais open evening:** Explore a famous South Wales waterfall and an important archaelogical site. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Aberdulais Falls, Aberdulais, near Neath, West Glamorgan, Thurs 6.30-8pm (further information 0639 636674).

JUDY FROSHAUG

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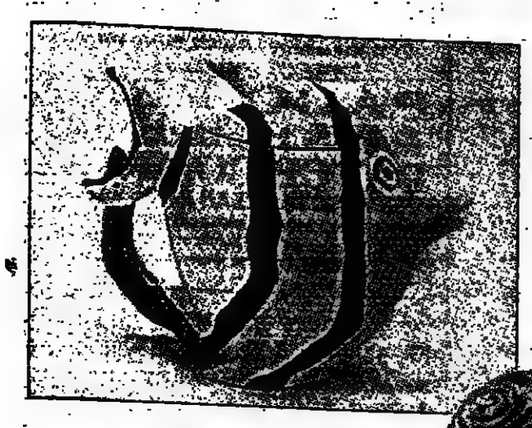
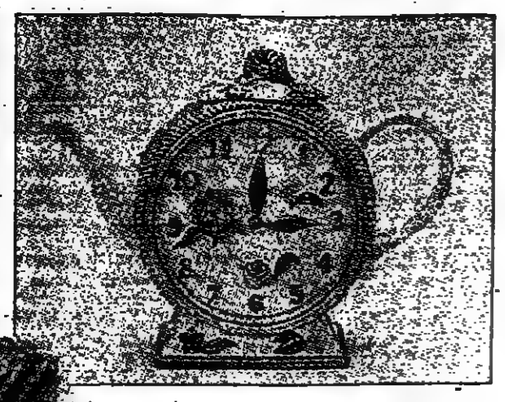
Something to spout about





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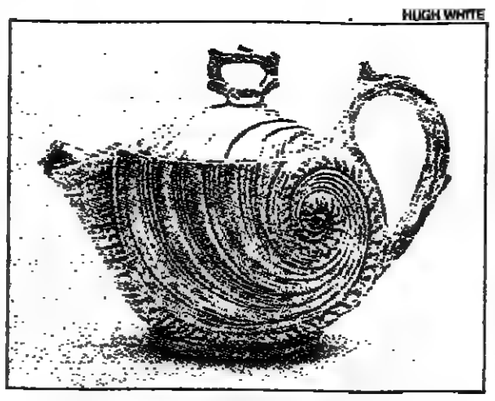

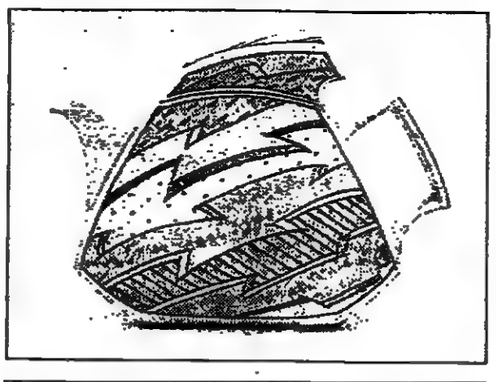

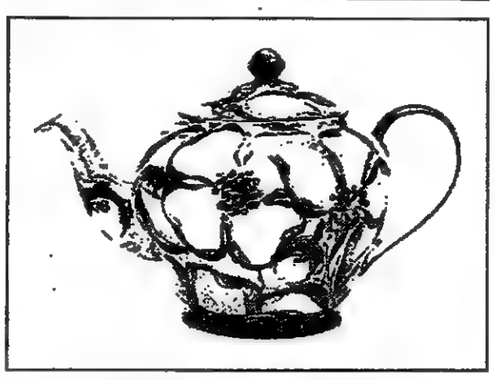

Have fun with the tea set: (clockwise from top left) fish teapot, £24.99, from Presents, 129 Sloane Square, London SW1; tea-time teapot, £39.95, Liberty; shell teapot, £39.95, Liberty; Rosenthal's art deco-style teapot, £65.40 from Liberty; summer flowers teapot by Annie Doherty, £95, from Liberty; rose teapot by Mary Rose Young, £150, from Liberty

Assets

Hundreds of teapots, many of them eccentric, are being gathered in London for a two-month exhibition. The display includes designer one-offs, traditional and contemporary pots, cups and tea-associated accessories.

The exhibition at Liberty's, Regent Street, from August 17, also features pieces from the Spode, Wedgwood and Royal Worcester museums, which are not for sale but show the development of tea-taking.

There is, too, a collection of more than a hundred teapots commissioned from British potters, including one in the shape of the Liberty building (£60, by Katie Bunnell).

Other teapots include colourful Italian versions shaped like fruit and vegetables, classic Oriental teapots in cast iron, blue and white ceramics, and Yix Xing-ware (plain terracotta pots in unusual shapes) much sought after in the Far East.

Kitsch British bone china in lurid pinks and gold-rimmed purples, snapped up by Japanese and American collectors, is also on sale, along with Liberty print tea cosies, linens, trays and cloths. A tea shop sells a variety of brews for shoppers to sample, while a Mad Hatter's tea party is likely to draw children of all ages.

Liberty's new own-label tea is distinctively packaged in striped purple and cream caddies and packets, and comes from the eminent growers, Williamson and Magor. The five blends — pure Darjeeling, pure Assam, English Breakfast, Earl Grey and jasmine — cost £3.50 for 125g sold loose in a caddy, £3.95 for 125g sold as 50 bags in a caddy, and £1.75 for 125g of loose tea in a packet.

Anyone interested in starting or adding to a teapot collection could visit Betjeman & Barton's shops at 43 Elizabeth Street, London SW1 (071-730 5086) and Chelsea Garden Market, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (071-823 3273), and in Brighton, Oxford, Salisbury, Winchester and Windsor. All stock a selection of teapots in unusual shapes; for example, lighthouses, parking meters and a JCB digger, and a menagerie of animals.

The non profit-making Tea Council, Sir John Lyon House, 5 High Timber Street, London EC4V 3NJ (071-248 1024) runs an information service giving advice about buying and drinking specialist teas (send two 20p stamps for leaflets). It can provide clubs or groups with lecturers and a free video/slide, along with a tea tasting of eight varieties. The council also runs a mail order service for novelty teapots, some of which are exclusive, and organizes the Top Tea Place award. Last year's winner was The Canary, Queen Street, Bath.

For gadgetry associated with brewing up — including silver-plated tea infuser spoons (£7.50), chrome kettle-shaped infusers (£2.45), animal tea cosies (£7.15) and lidded mugs (£4.40) head for a branch of the Tea House, at 15a Neal Street, London WC2 (071-240 7539); 7 Shreeve Walk, Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 414038); 9 Golden Cross, Oxford (0865 728838); and 3 Fish Row, Salisbury, Wiltshire (0722 334227).

The Tea House branches are holding special tastings of apple with cinnamon, tropical fruit with coconut and Russian tea on August 24 and 31. Unusual teas available for tasting on request include black China tea, flavoured naturally with husks or essence of fruits and flowers, and banana, blackberry and mint teas.

St James's decaffeinated tea is said to contain less than a tenth of the caffeine found in an average cup of tea. De-caff is particularly sought-after by people suffering from high blood pressure, migraines, stomach disorders, skin allergies and insomnia. Packs of 80 tea bags are available by mail order at £3.15 inc p&p (minimum order two packs) from St James's Teas Ltd, Sir John Lyon House, 5 Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3PA (071-248 4117).

And Milford of London has introduced environment-friendly unbleached tea bags for its three most popular herbal teas, available from leading health food shops at £1.65 per box of 50.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

Take a leaf from the illustrators

If 19th century drawings are too expensive, then turn the page back 100 years

Should you wish to obtain an original E.H. Shepard "Pooh" drawing or a rabbity Beatrix Potter watercolour for the nursery wall, it would cost you an arm and several legs. The great illustrators of the turn of the century, Dulac, Rackham, Heath Robinson and the rest, have long been beyond almost all reasonable sacrifice.

The Chris Beetles Gallery in St James's, London, holds regular exhibitions of the work of book illustrators, both adult and juvenile. It is noticeable, however, that while Beetles and fellow enthusiasts have done much to boost the market in illustrators working from the middle of the last century to date, their 18th-century forerunners have mostly been ignored. About 4,000 good impressions could be taken from a copper plate, but the introduction of steel by Albert Warren in about 1822 meant that editions of up to 30,000 became possible. It was thus worth the publishers' while to commission fewer original drawings from comparatively expensive artists.

English illustration, 1808

However, the illustrators of the previous generation were immensely prolific. Thomas Stothard (1755-1834) is said to have made more than 5,000 drawings for books, and over 1,000 in more than 100 books have been counted for Samuel Wale (1721-1786).

Serious book illustration in England may be said to have begun in 1677 with the establishment of the Tonsons' publishing business at the sign of the Judges Head in Chancery Lane. Eleven years later they produced a *Paradise Lost* with plates after J.B. Medina, followed in 1709 by an edition of Shakespeare illustrated by J.P. Boitard, and Milton's works by Louis Cheron in 1720. Other French or Huguenot artists working for London publishers included H.F. Gravelot and J.B.C. Chatelain.

Many of the engravers were also French, and it was only in the middle of the century with Francis Hayman's work for *Fables of the Female Sex*, 1744, that a "homely touch of local genre" was introduced to the French manner.

Hayman (1708-1776), a friend of Hogarth, a collaborator of Gravelot and an influence on Gainsborough, was very active as an illustrator from the 1740s to the 1770s, working in Indian ink and sepia washes. There are some spirited drawings for *Don Quixote* in the British Museum.

For a perfect match with text there can be little to compete with the drawings which Gilbert White commissioned from the Swiss-born Samuel Hieronymus Grimm (1733-1794) for the *Natural History of Selborne*, 1776, although for charm the Shakespearean scenes of the equally splendidly named Yorkshireman Julius Caeser Ibbetson (1759-1817) come close. Charm and elegance are also Samuel Wale's hallmarks, even when he is telling sensational or moral tales from the *Newgate Calendar*. The predominant styles of the latter part of the 18th century and the first decades of the 19th were the elegant rococo, typified by E.F. Burney (1760-1848), and the dramatic neo-classical. The latter, of which the best-known (but not necessarily the best) practitioner was William Blake, can often be splendidly ridiculous to a modern eye.

Stothard (£230-£1,500) worked felicitously in both manners, as did Richard Courbold (1757-1831, £185 to £250), but if you cannot afford Blake or Fuseli, then for a fraction of their prices you can acquire a piece of muscular drama by Richard Westall (£240 to £450), a fellow master of the rising eyebrow and flared nostril. Indeed, pleasant drawings and watercolours by almost all the men mentioned here can be had for £300 or less, although their best is likely to be considerably more.

A good place to begin is Abbott & Holder in Museum Street, London WC1, whose summer sale ends on Monday.

HUON MALLALIEU

Originals: Graham Nicholson, bookbinder

Cover story: Graham Nicholson, surrounded by traditional tools, at work in his bindery in Shropshire

Between the covers

GRAHAM Nicholson, who gave up a marketing career in his early forties to become a bookbinder, recalls a customer who burst into tears when he took her favourite book of childhood verse back to her.

"The book had been read to my client by her mother, and she had read it to her children. Now the time had come to read it to her grandchildren. Books which mean something to individuals can be far more important than those in the market for profit," he says.

After a year's full-time course at the London College of Printing at Clerkenwell, Mr Nicholson moved from Hertfordshire to a remote cottage in Shropshire, where he built a bindery in the garden. There he can now be found at work, restoring old volumes, and housing new works in fine bindings of richly coloured goatskins and English calfskins. His charge for restoring and rebinding a small book is approximately £40.

Mr Nicholson's workshop contains a variety of presses and small finishing tools which he uses for gold leaf lettering work or decoration. The traditional design of his sewing frame is the same as those used by 12th-century monks.

"Everything should be reversible in bookbinding," he explains. "That means being able to undo what has been done, to take it back to its constituent parts." Some modern glues make this impossible and therefore, instead of using polyvinyl acetates, Mr Nicholson uses traditional hot glue.

He says the problem with modern books is largely modern paper, which tends to be acid and not made for long life. In America concern has been expressed about volumes in the Library of Congress. "There is a movement gaining ground there for books to be printed on acid-free paper," Mr Nicholson says. "Authors have learnt with a shock that, instead of earning their place in posterity, when their works are taken down from the shelves 40 years after their deaths, only dust may remain between the covers."

Mr Nicholson ensures his own cleaning and treatment methods are pure by obtaining ingredients from a chemist and mixing them to traditional recipes to produce leather dressings made of beeswax, anhydrous lanolin and neat's-foot oil, a lubricant oil obtained by boiling cattle bones. When cleaning a book he intends not to restore pristine freshness, which would ruin its provenance, but to tidy it up and put life back into the covers.

One supplier brought him a first edition copy of Charles II's diary, written after the Battle of Worcester and containing a sprig of the oak in which the monarch was said to have hidden. "By using traditional boiled sweet paste, which is decorated and spread with combs and other devices, I was able to copy the original binding," he says.

Topographical books are the book-binder's stock-in-trade. Mr Nicholson is imbuing new life into *Nooks and Crannies of Shropshire*, printed in 1899, the third copy he has tackled. A treatise on cider-making indigenous to the area is the kind of book he often comes across. His more creative work can be seen in a volume of *A History of the Great War*, with its full leather binding in two colours featuring a raised poppy on a decorated centre panel.

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● *Graham Nicholson, Bridge Cottage, Adleymoor Common, Bucknell, Shropshire SY7 0BH (05474 616). The Society of Bookbinders and Book Restorers, Fernbank, Trotton, Petersfield, Hampshire GU31 5ER.*

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FINE ART

This museum terminates here

Andrew Gibbon Williams reports on a failed attempt to create a Mecca for art lovers in a Welsh station

At the end of May, Andrew Lambert finally abandoned his two-year campaign to give Wales its own museum of modern art. And last month the removers arrived at its potential home – a disused railway station in Machynlleth – to take away what was to be the nucleus of its collection.

Lambert's scheme was ambitious, perhaps a little eccentric. The picturesque mid-Wales town of Machynlleth does not immediately suggest itself as the ideal location for a Welsh "Tate of the West". Nevertheless, it held promise. Lambert was perspicacious enough to see how – given the agreement of British Rail to upgrade the railway line – a museum at the junction of the routes from Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth and Pwllheli might attract the culture tourists: they flock to the Kroller-Müller in Holland and to the Winterthur Museum in Switzerland, neither of which are city-based. In addition, a museum in Machynlleth would have helped correct the cultural imbalance in Wales between Cardiff and the rest of the country.

The scheme was well planned and detailed. The station itself was to retain its function, and visitors would, in effect, have alighted in an art gallery. The building's upper storey and lower staff offices were to be converted into galleries, and a lavish modern block was to be erected on the other side of the tracks. Even an adjacent hotel was envisaged.

Fearing his project might appear a pipe-dream, Lambert elicited the backing of Richard Rogers, architect of both the Pompidou Centre and the Lloyd's building, and the partnership of Alan Stanton and Paul Williams, designers of the Design Museum interiors.

These big guns were not his only asset. In his mother's collection of paintings, Lambert possessed the seed from which a Welsh national collection of modern art might grow. It is a small group of pictures, but the quality is high and all the right names are there: among them Augustus John, Wyndham Lewis, Stanley Spencer and L.S. Lowry. And there was nothing overly optimistic about anticipating loans and gifts: museums such as the Tate and the National Museum of Wales have basements bulging with pictures which should be hanging on gallery and museum walls. A Welsh museum of modern art might well have developed – as has the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art – from a choice provincial collection into one of international significance.

NEWS TEAM

Andrew Lambert: A museum of modern art at Machynlleth would have helped to correct the cultural imbalance in Wales

Lambert was not so naive as to suppose that the cultural panjandrums in Cardiff would rise up in support of his proposal and dish out the £500,000 he needed to realise it. However, he had not reckoned on the bureaucratic hurdles and apathy he encountered wherever he turned. In short, none of the public arts bodies would touch his proposal with a barge pole.

The Welsh Office, the Welsh Arts Council and the National Museum of Wales would not agree to appoint directors to the charitable company which he tried to set up to raise funds. From the Welsh Office's point of view, Lambert's proposal ran counter to the recommendations made in the Hudson Davies report on Housing the Arts in Wales; galleries were to be located in, or near, large conurbations, rather than set in the countryside. The Welsh Arts Council said its remit was only to help with the housing of temporary exhibitions. And the National Museum of Wales – which, at the time of Lambert's approach, was busy securing its own £40 million grant from the Welsh Office for its extension – was understandably less than thrilled about the possibility of some northern venture detracting from its own expansion.

Likewise, the Development Board for Rural Wales presented a brick wall: Lambert discovered that the Board can only provide 50 per cent of the funding for such projects once the other 50 per cent has been raised from the private sector. In the event, the Welsh business community came up with less than £500.

Compared with Scotland, Wales is poorly served by galleries. Not only are there no separate national collections – that in Cardiff is incorporated into the National Museum of Wales – but there has been no growth of independent galleries financed in part by the Scottish Arts Council joining forces with local and regional authorities.

In Edinburgh, for example, the 369 Gallery, which started off as a hole-in-the-wall operation in 1979, raised a substantial amount of the several hundred thousand pounds necessary to renovate its three floors of warehouse galleries from various trusts and donations. It also receives £40,000 from the Arts Council and District Councils combined, and turns over about £20,000 to cover its annual running costs. Unlike Lambert's proposal, it is a temporary exhibition gallery, but its fund-raising zeal could have served as an object lesson to him. Had Scotland been in the situation of Wales, the standard of its premises might well have been sufficient to house a national collection.

Anyone who has run the gauntlet of regional arts funding could have explained the impossibility of raising large capital sums through the agency of the arts quangos. Unless a project has the support of the Secretary of State for Wales – the Cardiff Bay Development Scheme is the current best example – all public fund-raising avenues are effectively closed. In the case of galleries, the Welsh Office is unable to fund any institution other than the National Museum of Wales.

Be that as it may, the spirit of no-can-do which the enterprising Lambert encountered from the public agencies in Peter Walker's supposedly revived principality is distinctly un-Thatcherite. It really means that without independent sources of finance, only small-scale, safe projects can get off the ground.

There may well be deeper reasons why Lambert drew a blank. Wales, unlike Scotland, has a comparatively paltry visual art tradition and nothing like the educated, middle-class caucus of collectors; the sort of people who will write a reasonably sized cheque for a worthy arts project. As the 369 Gallery in Edinburgh discovered, bodies such as the Arts Council eventually rise to the bait of embarrassment caused by bourgeois support. Ground-swells of influential opinion can have more effect on them than the brandishing of household names.

FILM FESTIVALS

Old traumas and present nightmare

David Robinson finds black America meeting post-perestroika Russia in Munich, and Israeli cinema opening old wounds

Film festivals are a peculiar phenomenon of the last quarter of a century. Forty years ago there were only three – Venice (1932), Cannes (1946) and Edinburgh (1947). In 1952, Berlin was created as a Cold War propaganda exercise; later came an Eastern bloc festival, alternating between Moscow and Karlovy Vary; and in 1958, London.

Today there is no certain count of the festivals which come and go like summer daisies. The American show-business journal, *Variety*, recently listed more than 252 – 48 of them in the United States alone; 28 in Italy.

The survival of a festival against such competition depends on outstanding programming or distinctive character, whether that derives from location (like the Midnight Sun Festival, inside the Arctic Circle) or theme – there is a Funny Festival in Boario and a competition of Mountain and Exploration Films in Trento.

The Munich Festival, which has just ended, was started in 1983, but found its character with the building of the new Munich Gasteig three years later. The citizens were initially suspicious of this huge Barbican-style building across the river. The Film Festival showed how to use it – filling every available space with film and video shows, seminars, bars and restaurants, and turning the bleak courtyard into a non-stop nightly party with bands and big-screen out-door silent movies.

The major discovery in Munich this year was *Panzer*, a new film from Leningrad by a first-time writer-director, Igor Alimpiev. This is the first film to reflect the atmosphere of post-perestroika Russia, and it has the kind of psychic precision with which Chekhov caught the malaise at the end of the tsarist empire. The film is ironic and violent, leaping from gritty realism to strange fancies of angels floating over the Nevsky Prospect, evoking all the chaos, pessimism and betrayal.

Munich had also put together a special programme to show the invigorating progress of black cinema in America. Spike Lee (*She's Gotta Have It*, *Do The Right Thing*) is by no means the only one of the new generation. Wendell B. Harris, a dazzling personality with a voice that rumbles as richly as Orson Welles's, stars in his own *Chameleon Street*, based on the real-life adventures of a charlatan who successfully went about impersonating doctors, scholars, athletes and lawyers, elegantly overturning the confident preconceptions of the white world.

To prove the variety of black cinema, James Bond III's *Def by Temptation* is a zany, erotic horror movie; and Reginald Hudlin's *House Party* is a wild teen musical with a good deal of implicit moral wisdom.

To Sleep With Anger is a new film by Charles Burnett who, at 46, is the dean of the new black film-makers. Burnett is fascinated by folklore, and what first appears to be a contemporary story of suburban life in Southern California – a dubious stranger with a hearty appetite moving in on an ordinary family – takes on mystical overtones.

Documentary is another of Munich's strong points. *Die Republikaner*, by Peter Wurth and Petra Schmidt, is a model of political film-making – a devastating portrait of Germany's far-right, beerhouse "Republicans". Emanuel Rund's *Alle Juden Raus!* looks calmly at the contribution of one small provincial German town to the Holocaust – even interviewing the fire chief who "failed" to put out the synagogue fire on Kristallnacht, 1938.

A clever compilation film from Estonia, Olav Neuland's *Hitler and Stalin 1939* shows the uncanny likeness of the two dictators' methods. If they had remained allies, instead of becoming enemies, history might have been different.

The Jerusalem Festival is based at the Jerusalem Cinématheque. Both institutions are the creation of Lia and Wim Van Leer, an extraordinary couple with a single-minded dedication to movies and the people who make them. Their Cinémathèque has been made out of ancient dwellings standing in the valley that was no-man's land during the partition of the city.

Cinémathèque and festival alike do much for the liberal education of young Israelis, which sometimes gets them into trouble with orthodox fundamentalists. The introduction of Sabbath movie-going (which instantly spread to the rest of the country) caused some furore at first. This year there were grumblings in the Knesset because a new Israeli film in the festival, Daniel Wachsmann's *The Appointed*, made pointed links beween faith, mysticism, magic and the messianic desires of the national culture. There was more displeasure at the Austrian Paulus Minker's impressive adaptation of Joshua Sobol's play, *Weiniger's Last Night*, based on the story of Otto Weiniger – the tortured, early-century genius whose anti-feminist and anti-Semitic writings earned Hitler's praise: "The only Jew who had the right to survive."

Jerusalem was also strong on documentary. Specially notable was the West German *Mein Krieg*, directed by Harriet Eder and Thomas Kufus, in which ancient veterans of the Wehrmacht commentate on the home movies they made at Hitlerjugend camps in the Thirties, and in grimmer scenes of the war fronts in the Forties.

A different view of those years was recorded in a very personal 50-minute British documentary from Channel Four, *Chasing Shadows*. Naomi Gryn, daughter of the Rabbi of the West London Synagogue, recorded her father's return, after 45 years, to his hometown of Berehovo, once belonging to Czechoslovakia, now a closed Soviet border town.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that Munich and Jerusalem are two cities in which the often-suppressed memories of 50 years ago are currently being recalled.

Whitehall farce that performs no social service

THEATRE

A Dream of People
The Pit

MICHAEL Hastings's latest play is a singularly inept concoction, the more disappointing for the comic promise of its opening. In comes the prime minister (Tory, but male) to hear a senior civil servant soberly argue that Britain will soon be unable to support all its aged and infirm. The nation's leader's response is to fall sound asleep, whereupon bureaucratic protocol sensationally collapses. Suddenly the PM is wrestled to the floor by this pin-striped apparatchik. It is as if Sir Humphrey Appleby were rugby-tackling God.

After that, the play bumps and lurches in one direction only, which is downhill. Never mind the indecisiveness of style, sorry though it is. Plays may veer between the sombre and the satiric, even the earnest and the sassy, as this does; they can be awkward and confused, as this is; and still they can hold the attention. Here tension and momentum prove as elusive as wit and imaginative flair.

Peter McEnery's Claude Godber is not content with his assault on Maurice Kaufmann's snoozy führer. He gives to charity the entire contents of his Wates house in (where else?) Hazeldine Road, Pirbright, Surrey. And in between nostalgic visits to a London flat once co-occupied by Crossman and Barbara Castle, he befriends a bag-lady, a burglar, a veteran of the miners' strike, and others having troubles with the social services. They can, he repeatedly says, do him a favour.

The nature of this favour begins to assume dramatic importance. Perhaps something exciting will at last occur. Alas, all Godber does is create a conga-line of his unruly new chums and lead them into yet another meeting attended by the PM. It is a repeat of the idea that launched the play, and inevitably less funny, since now all the great man does is sweep snootily out, leaving Godber's boss to bewail his insult to the civil service.

Of course, this mandarin has his place in the moral bestiary Hastings half-seriously, half-jokily assembles. He is the "grammar-school oik" who betrays his Beveridgean beliefs by marrying a peer's daughter, going to posh restaurants, and saying "ideals die, Claude, you're being naive". The play's observation is not precisely subtle. Nor is its social and economic analysis acute.

Yet Hastings clearly expects us to listen seriously to Godber when he laments the disappearance of "the promise of a gentle evening for us all". For an unclear reason, perhaps that he has little more to say about his career, he asks us to take equally serious interest in his marriage and his wife. It does not help that, while McEnery's Godber is mostly downbeat, Parfitt hurls herself into this last role like Callas playing Medea, or Medea playing Callas. But then no one in Janet Suzman's production seems emotionally at home or ease. It is that sort of evening.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CABARET

Jill and her Jacks
King's Head, Islington

UNACCUSTOMED heat can play tricks on the mind, so possibly the sweltering audience at this pub theatre on Wednesday night was merely enjoying a collective mirage. But the American singer Jill O'Hara made a solid enough impression. Her Jacks were a three man/one woman backing quartet, and she had brought along an idiosyncratic collection of songs.

O'Hara's experience encompasses folk-singing in Greenwich Village, creating the female lead in *Hair*, starring on Broadway in *Promises, Promises* and a number of straight plays, before her cabaret début last year. She is a woman of some beauty, with long grey-streaked hair and a ready smile. Her voice is true and expressive, its timbre reminiscent of Judy Collins and Joni Mitchell.

Those ladies and other Sixties figures, such as Joan Baez and Randy Newman, were evoked in the course of a 19-song show which ran for almost two hours. There was one interval, during which the statuesque O'Hara switched from a long white linen dress to a scarlet gown with plunging neckline.

Her easy stage manner and quiet authority were superbly underpinned by the "Jacks": Barry Booth on piano, Peter Chapman on upright bass, Brian Markham on drums and percussion and Kate Short on cello. The group passed from swing to pop to light chamber music without faltering, as though telepathically attuned to the singer's intentions.

The songs displayed excellent taste. From Randy Newman there were "Sail Away", "Dayton Ohio", "Texas Girl After the Funeral of Her Father" and "You Can Leave Your Hat On". From Lieber & Stoller came "Some Cats Know", from Joni Mitchell, "River", from Johnny Mercer, "The Weekend of a Private Secretary". One folk song, "Come All Ye Fair and Tender Ladies", was most movingly performed.

Several were not credited, although "Standing Room Only", which began with the line "You must think my bed's a bus stop", deserves wider exposure, as do "I Can Cook, Too" and "Send Me a Man Tonight". Popular but perhaps ill-advised was the inclusion of "Kitchen Man", the risqué classic which surely belongs to Bertice Reading, with her more robust approach.

The between-songs chat was sometimes too highly polished or twee, but there was no faulting the sincerity and warmth of O'Hara's performance. She continues here until August 19.

TONY PATRICK

Claire Daniels and Geoffrey Dolton in Grétry's *Le Huron*

OPERA

Le Huron
Buxton

MOST musicians could hardly even name any of Grétry's 60-odd operas, so there is something wildly quixotic in staging the earliest of them to survive complete, proudly published as "opus one". Still, it is a British première, which is part of the Buxton tradition. And it comes from a story by Voltaire, who provides the theme of this year's festival.

Even in the emasculated version which Voltaire's friend Marmontel devised, the libretto has a strong theme based on the way society fails to accept the behaviour of a hero who has different and more real values. The Huron of the title grew up among the Canadian Indians; although he turned out to be a nephew of a prominent local family, his manner of courting the heroine is unacceptable until people become "enlightened" at the end. A refined and well-judged wit sugars Voltaire's hard social message.

Moreover, there is enough beautifully devised and varied detail in the score to explain how the young Grétry took Paris by storm in 1768 and began an unusually successful career. From the start, he was admired for the way his vocal lines projected the texts, and it says much for Anthony Hose's translation that most of the words are audible.

Voltaire had the action in coastal Britanny, with the Huron showing his valour in a skirmish with the English fleet. Jamie Hayes's production translates that into Buxton terms: Chatsworth House and the first world war, with the Huron related to the Duke of Devonshire. In the first act it works very well, spiced up with a fair amount of slapstick that may have surprised Voltaire but always stops just short of going right over the top.

But then slapstick takes over entirely. It is hard to be amused when an upper-class twit keeps kicking over the severely war-wounded. It is even harder when those antics actually drown out the two most substantial arias in the opera. Everything in the characterisation is thereby coarsened beyond belief.

Geoffrey Dolton sings and acts well in the title role. Claire Daniels copes elegantly as the heroine, supported by a witty performance from Jane Webster as her confidante. And Eric Roberts turns in a nice cameo as the Duke of Devonshire. Christopher Gillett, the anti-hero, suffers from the worst of the production. Fortunately the Manchester Camerata plays with consistent vitality under Michael Rosewell.

DAVID FALLOWS

SATURDAY'S TELEVISION & RADIO

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BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Klein's Unification of Geometry 7.05 Classifying Surfaces Geometrically

7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 Muppet Babies (r)

8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester. Young people's entertainment 11.00 Cartoon

11.05 Film: Tail of a Tiger (1984) starring Grant Navin and Gordon Poole. An undemanding Australian family film about a 10-year-old vintage plane fanatic. Excluded from the local model flying club meetings, he meets an old man who owns a wrecked Tiger Moth and spends his summer holidays trying to restore it. Directed by Rolf de Heer 12.27 Weather

12.30 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.35 and 1.05 Special Olympics: the games from Glasgow for metally handicapped athletes; 1.00 News; 1.50, 2.20 and 3.00 Racing from Goodwood; 2.05, 2.35 and 3.15 Cycling: the National Track championships from Leicester. 4.00 Show Jumping: the World Equestrian Games from Stockholm

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

5.15 Regional News and Sport

5.20 The Flying Doctors: Borrowed Time. Green issues intrude into the work of the flying medics of Coopers Crossing (Ceefax)

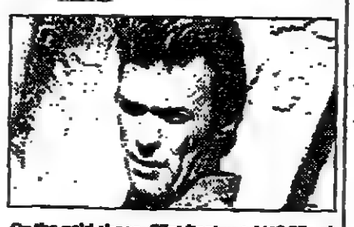
6.05 'Allo, 'Allo! Another dose of Resistance humour from René and his friends (r) (Ceefax)

6.30 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith puts showbiz memories to the test in the entertainment quiz. (Ceefax)

7.00 Takeover Bid. Bruce Forsyth with the game show in which contestants gamble what they have won to get a star prize. (Ceefax)

7.30 A Royal Birthday Gala. *The stars turn out to pay tribute to the Queen Mother as she celebrates her 90th birthday. Recorded at the London Palladium two weeks ago, the gala was also attended by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret and Viscount Linley. The theme is the changing face of entertainment throughout the Queen Mother's nine decades. Among those taking part are Placido Domingo, Michael Caine, Howard Keel, Sir John Gielgud, Rowan Atkinson, Sarah Brightman, Warren Mitchell, Roger Moore, Cliff Richard, Anneka Rice, Stephen Fry and Sir Richard Attenborough.* (Ceefax)

10.15 News with Martyn Lewis. Sport and weather



On the gold chase: Clint Eastwood (10.35pm)

10.35 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) starring Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas and Donald Sutherland. Crude and noisy second world war adventure about a group of soldiers who decide to steal a fortune in gold from behind enemy lines. Directed by Brian G. Hutton. (Ceefax)

12.55am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths Foundation Course 7.15 Democratic Government 7.40 Geology: From Swamps to Coal 8.05 Engineering Mechanics 8.30 Professional Judgment 8.55 Information Technology 9.20 Electromagnetic Induction 9.45 Shakespeare's *King Lear* 10.10 Images and Information 10.35 Technology and Change 1750-1914 11.00 Policy Making in Education 11.25 Evolution 11.50 Social Science 12.15 Food Production Systems 12.40 Physical Chemistry 1.05 Images and Innovation 1.30 Modern Art and Modernism 1.55 Culture and Belief in Europe 2.20 Third World Studies

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 17 of the 91-part dramatisation of the epic Indian poem. In Hindi with English subtitles

3.25 The Sky at Night. *Titan is Saturn's largest moon. Patrick Moore is joined by Dr John Zarnecki to study the moon in more detail* (r)

3.50 Floggin' a Dead Horse. *Peter Skellern provides a personal view of villages, showing how they could be places for the future and were certainly the homes of the past, but how they are not the place to live in at the present* (r)

4.20 90 Glorious Years. *A tribute to the Queen Mother to celebrate her 90th birthday. Horse Guards Parade is the venue for a gala celebration, including a choir of 500 voices, a 100-strong orchestra and the Household Cavalry* (r)

5.50 World Equestrian Games. *Hugh Thomas introduces coverage of the show jumping phase, after which the four top riders go through to the final round tomorrow. John and Michael Whitaker represent Britain and are likely to figure strongly*

7.05 Eyes on the Prize. *The third of a series of six documentaries examining the civil rights years in the United States. In the early 1960s non-violent protest was instrumental in change. During the 1960 presidential election campaign, both Nixon and Kennedy approved civil rights, but were eager not to isolate the white vote in the South. When Martin Luther King Jr was placed in jail, John F. Kennedy went to offer his sympathies to Mrs Cora King, while Robert Kennedy got in contact with the judge and managed to convince him to release King on bail. Kennedy won the narrowest presidential victory in American history, due partly to the black vote.* (r)

8.05 NewsView with Moira Stuart and Lynette Lithgow. Weather

8.50 White Noise.

● *John Wyver's anthology of state-of-the-art video may leave the sceptical wondering where art comes into it. A pop video of the song,* Bizarre Love Triangle, *is a fair sample of the genre, a bewildering kaleidoscope of images, full of sound and fury signifying nothing very much. In some cases the artists appear beforehand and tell us what their creations are about. It is a dubious advantage. A woman from Finland explains that her piece called* Cricket *is about "media reality and the effects on the human sub-consciousness". It mainly consists of shots of insects crawling over human heads, rather as they used to do in early Buñuel films. Form replaces content, style abolishes substance and technology takes over where human creativity used to rule. Even a poorly lit shot of a man talking a dog is presented as a challenging piece of surrealism. But you need to know that the dog is called Man Ray*

9.30 Designs on Europe — Six Architects Across a Continent.

● *Michael Hopkins is that rare architect, a modernist whose work seems to be universally liked. His admirers include even the Prince of Wales. If Hopkins has any critics, they do not surface in Roger Last's profile, the first of a series of films on contemporary architects made by different European countries. Of the several Hopkins creations examined, a characteristic example is the Mound Stand at Lord's, a bold tent-like structure which is very much of the late 20th century and yet fits happily with the 100-year-old pavilion. To have pleased the MCC, one of the most traditional sporting bodies in Britain, is no mean feat. The key to Hopkins's success, at Lord's as elsewhere, is that while he seeks a modern solution he is not prepared to sweep away the best of the past. Called in to freshen up the V & A, he actually returned the building to its original appearance. His modernisations of Bracken House and Glyndebourne will be eagerly awaited*

Richard Thomas and Ellen Greene (10.15pm)

10.15 Glory! Glory!

● *Lindsay Anderson begins his first American television movie with what is surely a conscious homage to his mentor, John Ford, as a church congregation sings* Shall We Gather At the River? *It is one of the few sincere moments in a roaring satire on television evangelism and its obsessions with power, money and greed. The recent antics of real TV preachers have presented a formidable challenge to fictional versions but Stan Daniels's script triumphantly reworks a familiar theme. When the charismatic Reverend Dan is felled by a stroke, his son (Richard Thomas) proves to be a less than adequate successor. The formerly wealthy church is soon losing two million dollars a week. Salvation is sought through a vivacious bar singer (Ellen Greene) who, with the right financial inducement, agrees to swap rock'n'roll for* Rock of Ages. *Anderson's direction is too deliberate at times but after a slowish start the momentum builds relentlessly* (Ceefax)

11.45 Film: L'Invitation (1973) starring Michel Robin, Jean-Luc Bideau and François Simon. A meek bachelor has a change of lifestyle when he acquires an impressive country villa following the death of his mother. He invites his friends to visit for the day, but jealousies are brought to the surface. A wry, sharply-observed comedy from the Swiss-born director Claude Goretta, who also made *The Lacemaker*. In French with English subtitles. Ends at 1.25am

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Ghost Train. Includes guest Kelly Dingwall from *Home and Away*; and interviews with Paula Abdul and New Kids on the Block. Plus the usual cartoons and the Vicious Boys trying to play badminton

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot features the Bangles

12.30 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends. Mississippi River adventures of Mark Twain's young heroes

1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather

1.10 A Beetle Called Derek: Waste and Recycling. *Andrea Arnold presents the informative environmental series which aims to inspire rather than depress. Each year, if every discarded can was placed end to end, the line would reach the moon. Very few are recycled and our throwaway society has created an enormous rubbish tip*

1.40 Coronation Street. Wednesday's and Friday's episodes (r)

2.35 International Rugby. Highlights of yesterday's Bledisloe Cup match between New Zealand and Australia in Auckland

3.15 Athletics. Jim Rosenthal presents live coverage of the Panasonic national championships from the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Among the athletes scheduled to take part are Steve Cram, Tom McKean, John Regis and Tessa Sanderson

5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather

5.10 Athletics. Jim Rosenthal presents further live coverage of the Panasonic national championships

5.30 Zorro: The Best Man. The masked hero continues his brave fight to protect the innocent from tyranny. The fiancée of Don Diego's cousin jilts him when she sets eyes on Zorro at the Pueblo. Don has a lot of trouble convincing her that she shouldn't marry the masked rider. Starring Efrem Zimbalist Jr and Duncan Regehr.

6.00 Champion Blockbusters. The champions of 1984, Steve Jones and Robin Leach, return to test their general knowledge skills and take home prize money for their chosen charities. Bob Holness is the questionmaster

6.50 Stars in Their Eyes. Leslie Crowther invites more stars' *doppelgängers* to impress the audience and imitate their idols, who range from Roy Orbison to Madonna

7.20 It's Beadle! Jeremy Beadle is out on the prowl again, playing outrageous jokes and childish games on unsuspecting victims (r)

7.50 Close to Home: Double Date. Down-to-earth sitcom starring Paul Nicholas as a divorced vet left to bring up his two children. Kate and Robbie decide it is time their father had a girlfriend, so they arrange a blind date for him through a computer dating agency. Meanwhile, the surgery plays host to a dangerous rattlesnake and Rose asks James to help sort out the custody of a cat. (Oracle)

8.20 The Saint: The Software Murders. Simon Dutton stars as the smooth-talking tailoring advertisement whose life contrives to be a non-stop adventure. An American scientist, working on an anti-terrorist device, justifiably fears for her life when her name appears on a hit-list. After several mysterious deaths, Simon sets out to bring the murderer to justice. With Pamela Sue Martin and Dinsdale Landen (Oracle)

10.10 News with Nicholas Owen. Sport and weather 10.25 LWT Weather

10.30 Pick of the Pilots. Denis Norden presents the best of the worst of US pilot programmes, from quizzes to astrological prediction shows

11.00 Spitting Image. More repeated satire from the latex puppets. Desmond Lynam and Gerald Williams are this week's targets when they tackle the ups and downs of Wimbledon's tennis tournament. Meanwhile, a political revolution is taking place as Maggie Antoilette and the Ginger Pimpernel battle it out (r)

11.30 Tour of Duty: True Grit. Drama with American conscripts fighting in the Vietnam War. The soldiers are exhausted after the Tet Offensive, but refuse to give up

12.30am Film: Fright (1971). Overdone and unpleasant thriller about a young baby-sitter (Susan George) who spends a terror-filled night at a country house being menaced by a psychotic from a mental hospital. With Honor Blackman, George Cole and Dennis Waterman. Directed by Peter Collinson. Followed by News headlines

2.15 Film: From Beyond the Grave (1973) starring Peter Cushing, Diana Dors and David Warner. Neat multi-story horror about visitors to a small antique shop who meet with various terrible fates. Directed by Kevin Connor

4.15 The Hit Man and Her. Music and fun with Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan

5.15 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 International Times 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line

9.25 Australian Rules Football introduced by Steve Robilliard

10.30 Hand in Hand. Series for deaf and hearing children (r) 11.00 Check Out. A repeat of last Tuesday's consumer magazine. (Teletext)

11.30 Wagon Train (b/w). The classic 1950s western series following a wagon train of settlers heading west

12.30 California Off Beat. Reporter Wayne Freedman looks at some Californian entrants in the Hall of Fame, including the US dog barking champion and a record-breaking pizza tosser

1.00 Film: Perfect Strangers (1945, b/w) Robert Donat and Deborah Kerr as a downtrodden clerk and his dowdy wife who leave their humdrum lives to go to war. He goes into the Navy, she joins the Wrens and they meet again as strangers who must start their relationship all over again. A warm second world war comedy-drama directed by Alexander Korda

2.55 A Day's Pleasure (b/w). A Charlie Chaplin short

3.15 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket introduced by John Francome. Live coverage of the Red Mountain Coffee Cup (3.20); the *Mail on Sunday* 3-y-o Series Handicap Stakes (3.50); the Coleman's of Norwich Stakes (4.20); and the Glyfada Stakes (4.50). The race commentator is Graham Goode

5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)

6.30 Don't Just Sit There. A new series designed to show that almost all areas of sport are open to the disabled. Martin Duffy, himself normally in a wheelchair, gives disabled children the chance to compete in a wide range of sports, from hovercraft races to canoeing, which even the able-bodied would find challenging. Today's programme comes from Bendrigg Lodge residential sports centre in Cumbria which specialises in courses for people with disabilities. (Teletext)

7.00 The World This Week with the latest news on the crisis in the Gulf; and a report on the conflict between he militant and liberal wings of the Mohawk Indian tribe

8.00 Kingdom of the Deep: The Seas Must Live. The final programme in the award-winning wildlife documentary series records the growing catalogue of man-made disasters that are polluting our oceans and threatening the existence of marine species (r). (Teletext)

9.00 thirtysomething. More spectacular navel-gazing in the superior soap about Americans approaching the age of 40. Last in the series. (Teletext)

10.00 Cycling: Kellogg's Tour of Britain. The fifth stage of the tour is a 115-mile stretch from Bridlington to Newcastle taking in the Yorkshire moors. Phil Liggett and Chris Mann report.

10.30 Film on Four International: Lorca, Death of a Poet (1987).

● *A small neat figure with a round expressive face, the British actor Nickolas Grace plays Federico Garcia Lorca in a film made for Spanish television by the veteran cinema director, J. A. Bardem. As with many TV movies, this one has its moments of slackness, as if finding difficulty filling the generous screen time. There was much to be said for the old Hollywood discipline of cutting the cackle and getting on it. Apart from Grace's performance, which blends effectively with those of the otherwise Spanish cast, the strengths of the film are its attention to the physical landscape of Lorca's Spain and careful reconstruction of the social and artistic context in which his writing developed. Figures such as Bunuel and Dali are brought usefully into the narrative and there is a guest spot for today's leading Lorca interpreter, Nuria Espert, as a theatrical producer.*

Scenic watching: Nickolas Grace (10.30pm)

12.45am Verdict. Tonight's jury must decide whether celibacy is a firm basis for a good marriage or a recipe for disaster in the case of Julia and Giles, a couple whose seven-year relationship does not include sex. Moderator, Helen Boaden

2.00 The Harp in the South. Mini-series adapted from Ruth Park's novel about an Irish-Australian family struggling to make ends meet in the aftermath of the second world war (r). Ends at 2.55

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 11.30pm Film: The Hostage Heart 1.15am Starsticks 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15-5.15 US Pro-Surfing Tour

BORDER

As London except: 1.40pm-2.35 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 11.30 Film: Jaguar Lives 1.15am Kojak 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15 William Tell 4.45-5.00 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Champions 11.30 Film: Out of the Darkness 1.15am Kojak 2.15 The Twilight Zone 2.45 CinemAttractions 3.15 America's Top Ten 3.45 Beyond 2000 4.15-5.15 Baseball

CHANNEL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Windsurf! 11.15 Film: Lola 1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Munsters Today 2.35 Raw Power 3.35 Night Gallery 4.00-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Am Fasach 11.30 Film: Thirteen At Dinner 1.15am Kojak 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15 William Tell 4.45-5.15 America's Top Ten

GRANADA

As London except: 11.30pm Film: Thirteen at Dinner 1.15 Kojak 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15 William Tell 4.45 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST

As London except: 11.30pm Film: The Bliss of Mrs Blossom 1.15am Married with Children 1.45 Three's Company 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15-5.15 This Week is Nascar

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: No variations

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 11.30 Film: And Then You Die 1.15am Kojak 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15 William Tell 4.45-5.00 America's Top Ten

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Windsurf! 11.30 Film: Lola 1.20am Friday the 13th 2.20 The Munsters Today 2.45 Raw Power 3.45 The Twilight Zone 4.15-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.40pm Kalts and Dog 2.05-2.35 Bullseye 11.30 Film: The Frightened City 1.15am Kojak 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15 William Tell 4.45-5.15 America's Top Ten

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 1.40-2.35 The A-Team 11.30 Film: Circus of Horrors 1.15am Kojak 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15 William Tell 4.45-5.00 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25am Film: Nutcracker 2.15 The Hit Man and Her 4.15-5.15 Florence or the Life in the Chateau

Asking those questions: Bob Holness (6pm)

S4C

Starts 6.00am Early Morning 9.25 Australian Rules Football 10.30 Hand in Hand 11.00 Check Out 11.30 Gardeners' Calendar 12.00 Sumo 12.30 Lifting the Blues 1.30 Europe Express 2.00 Film: Miss Pinkerton 3.15 Racing from Newmarket 5.10 Brookside 6.30 Don't Just Sit There 7.00 Citizen 2000 7.30 Newyddion 7.40 Gweld Ser 8.25 Rygbi Rhyngwladol 9.00 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru, Cwm Rhymni, 1990 10.00 Cycling: Kellogg's Tour of Britain 10.30 Film: Wings of Desire 12.45 Verdict 2.00 The Harp in the South 2.55 Diweddi

RTE 1

Starts: 10.25am The Ghost of Monk's Island 10.40 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century 11.30 Ritter's Cove 11.55 Conquest 12.55 The Bionic Woman 1.45 News followed by First Moon 2.20 The Disney Hour 3.10 Film: The Sea Hawk 5.30 New Chestnuts 6.01 News 6.15 Pluto's Party 6.25 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 7.05 John Player Tops 8.05 The Flying Doctors 9.00 News 9.20 Fields of Fire 11.05 News followed by Film: That Lucky Touch 12.45am Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.15 Janitor Jeff 5.25 The Live at Three Search for a Star Final 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Punní 7.30 The Tracey Ullmann Show 8.00 News followed by Knebworth 1990 11.35 Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW

5.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm The Radio 1 Saturday Saturday Roadshow 2.00 Don't Watch That! 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Andy Peebles Soul Train 10.00 In Concert 11.00-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo

4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Someone and the Grumbleweeds 2.00 Robin Ray on Record 3.00 Munday on Saturday 4.45 Louis Mordish at the Wurlitzer Organ 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 Jazz Score 6.00 In the Mood 7.00 Max with Love 7.30 Saturday Night Gala Night 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Stars of the Sixties 1.00-4.00 Night Ride

MW as above except 1.30-6.00pm Sport on 2 2.30 Racal Chesterfield Cup 3.10 Vodaphone Nassau Stakes 7.25-9.00 Rugby Union: Argentina v England

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST

6.00am News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 Network UK 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.09 Review of the British Press 10.15 The World Today 10.30 Financial News 10.39 Sports Roundup 10.45 World Brief 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Here's Humph 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 Midi Magazine 11.59 Travel News 12.00 News 12.09pm News about Britain 12.30 Meridian 1.00 Newsreel 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 News 2.09 24 Hours 2.30 Network UK 2.45 Sportsworld 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 Newsreel 4.15 BBC English 4.20 Nachrichten 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News 5.09 News about Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines 6.15 Juste Plain Madness 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German feature 7.54 Nachrichten 8.20 News Summary 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 News 9.09 From Our Own Correspondent 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Sports Roundup 10.15 Juste Plain Madness 10.30 To Right – Wrong 11.00 Newshour 12.00 News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Play of the Week 3.00 News 3.09 Review of the British Press 3.15 Newsreel 3.30 Industrial Revolutions 3.59 Weather 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 Personal View 4.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau 5.00 German Features 5.35 News in German 5.45 Headlines 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial Review 5.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)

6.55 Weather and News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Wagner (Prelude: Parsifal: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Haitink, Rachmaninov (Prelude in G minor, Op 23 No 5: Andrei Gavrilov, piano); Vaughan Williams (Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus: Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Franck (Symphonic Variations: the Berlin PO under Karajan, Alexis Weissenberg, piano); Françaix (Hommage à l'ami Papageno: Mainz Wind Ensemble under Françaix, piano), Grainger (Blithe Bells: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Montgomery), Gershwin (Preludes Nos 2 and 3: Dag Achatz), Liszt (Les Préludes: Berlin PO under Karajan)

8.30 News

8.35 Her Majesty's Choice. Music chosen by the Queen Mother for Patron's Choice Concert at the Aldeburgh Festival in 1975. Britten (A Time there Was: CBSO under Simon Rattle), Mozart (Sinfonia concertante in E flat, KV 364: Vienna Philharmoniker under Harnoncourt, Gidon Kremer, violin, Kim Kashkashian, viola)

9.35 Record Release: Bach (Trio Sonata in G, BWV 530: Christopher Herrick, organ); Mozart (Concerto for three pianos, K242: Berlin PO under Semyon Bychkov, Katia and Marielle Labeque, piano); Schubert (Three Songs from 1815: Elly Ameling, soprano, Graham Johnson, piano); Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique: Toulouse Capitole under Plasson), Smetana (Quartet No 1: Emerson Quartet), Walton (Music for *As You Like It*: Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner, Catherine Bott, soprano), Duruflé (Four Motets: Choir of Trinity, Cambridge, under Richard Marlow)

12.05pm Haydn and the Piano (new series): Alfred Brendel talks to Stephen Plaistow, and plays Haydn (Sonatas: in E minor, B minor and in D (1 of 5)

1.00 News

1.05 Words: Breaking the Scientific Language Barrier with Professor John Durant (4 of 4)

1.10 Classical Guitar at Esztergom: Krzysztof Pelech, guitar, plays arr Bach (Lute Suite in E minor), Astor Piazzola (Verano porteno, Milonga del Angel, La muerta del Angel, Primavera portena)

1.45 Newbury Spring Festival 1990: Dorian Wind Quintet of New York performs Vivaldi (Sonata for recorder, oboe and bassoon in G minor); Adolphe (Night Journey); Taffanel (Quintet in G minor)

2.30 Seventies Sondheim on Broadway: A Little Night Music. Mark Steyn examine some of Sondheim's popular shows, inspired by Ingmar Bergman's film *Smiles of a Summer Night*

3.50 Schubert: Rainer Keuschnig and Mari Nomura, piano, play Fantasy in F minor

4.15 Giles Swayne and Jonathan Harvey: Arditti String Quartet performs Swayne (Quartet No 2), Harvey (Quartet No 1) (r)

5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Charles Fox

5.45 Interpretations on Record: Roger Nichols on Debussy's *Images*

6.45 Schumann Songs: Margaret Field, soprano, Paul Hamburger, piano, perform Liederkreis, Op 39, Die Sennin, Singet nicht in Trauertonen, Geisternähe, Die Kartenlegerin (r)

7.30 Proms 1990: Live from the Albert Hall, London, Bournemouth SO led by Bela Dekany under Andrew Davis, with Stephen Hough, piano, performs Nielsen (Overture: Helios); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor) 8.25 A Union of Like Minds? 8.45 Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D)

9.45 Dean Swift and Mrs Pilkington: Samantha Bond reads from the memoirs of a leading figure of literary Dublin

10.00 Venetian Virtuosi: Monica Huggett, violin, Bruce Dickey, cornet, Sarah Cunningham, cello, Charlet Toet, trombone, Paul Nicholson, harpsichord/organ, Nigel North, chitarrone, perform Riccio (Canzona a quattro); Cima (Canzona No 6 a quattro), Fontana (Sonata for violin and continuo), Castello (Sonata a tre)

10.30 Ulster Orchestra led by Richard Howarth under James Lockhart with Sarah Leonard, soprano, performs Berlioz, arr Matthews (Serenade, Hymn and Toccata); Colin Matthews (Night Music, Op 10); Holst, arr Matthews (The Dream City)

11.25 Saturday's Child. London Jazz Ensemble under John Lanchbery performs *Jazz Calendar*, Richard Rodney Bennett's suite, based on the children's rhyme

12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4

9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and travel news

10.00 News; Loose Ends (new series): Ned Sherrin and guests (s)

11.00 News; Talking Politics (new series): Peter Jenkins talks to senior politicians about the qualities needed to get on in politics (1 of 3)

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad

12.00 Money Box: Unmuddling your money. Advice about managing personal and family finance

12.25pm Hoax! (new series): Ian Wallace, Maureen Lipman and John Wells tell some amazing stories — two are true but one is false. Hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 News

1.10 The Radio Generation (new series): A group of young people who were first-time voters in the 1987 election share their opinions on issues in today's world with Simon Bates (r)

2.00 News; A 90th Birthday Present: A celebration of the Queen Mother's 90 years as reflected in a collection of stories and anecdotes told by those who have met her

2.30 Play: Artist Descending a Staircase continues the Tom Stoppard season (s) (r)

3.45 Children of the Cloth: Virginia Wade describes her upbringing in South Africa as the child of an archdeacon (s)

4.00 Will You Still Love Me?: Over-sixties from around Britain talk frankly about romantic and sexual love (s) (r)

4.30 Science Now

5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to swimmer Sharron Davies (r)

5.25 Little Blighty on the Down: The comical goings-on in the village of Little Blighty (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News; Sports round-up

6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)

7.10 In The Psychiatrist's Chair.

● *There's the kind of tension about Anthony Clare's "consultations" that we find in the best psychological thrillers. They are cat-and-mouse games played for real, and though Tom (Dr Clare) almost always wins, Jerry (tonight, theatre director Sir Peter Hall) can make it a hard-won victory. Sir Peter, confessedly a man in the grip of theatrical obsession, also owns up to constantly donning what is* de rigueur *for the actor-members of his profession — a succession of masks. Clare does not so much rip them off as coax Hall to remove them himself. For the listener, this is pleasurable torture* (r)

7.45 Saturday Night Theatre: The Petition by Brian Clark, was written for and dedicated to Dame Peggy Ashcroft who now performs the role for the first time. With John Mills. At breakfast in their Belgravia apartment General Sir Edmund Milne sees 50 years of married life in a new light when Lady Elizabeth reveals her true hatred of the horrors of war (s)

9.00 Music in Mind: Brian Kay plays a wide selection of melodies in honour of the Queen Mother's birthday (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten led by Fr Oliver McTernan (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News

10.15 The Gardening Quiz (new series) hosted by Stefan Buczacki. Test your knowledge with a team of guests (s) (r)

10.45 The Best Day of my Life: Marjorie Lofthouse talks to the opera singer Willard White about his most important day (r)

11.00 The Tingle Factor: Jeremy Isaacs talks about the music that sends shivers up his spine (s) (r)

11.30 Arnold Brown and Company: Arnold and his team with their unique look at the world with Christopher Campbell; David Charles and Emma Garner-Clarke (6 of 6) (s)

12.00-12.30am News incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 5.50-5.55 Programme News

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Games Reel 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00pm Black Sheep Squadron 2.00 Wrestling Challenge 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Chopper Squad 5.00 Sara 6.00 The Love Boat 7.00 Those Amazing Animals 8.00 Fate Is the Hunter 10.00 Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 World News Tonight 11.30 The Untouchables 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

5.30am Those Were the Days 6.30 The World — an exciting TV history 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Motor Sports News 11.30 The World — a TV history 12.30pm Fashion TV 1.00 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 Motor Sports News 3.00 News 3.30 The World — an TV history 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.30 Entertainment this Week 6.30 Fashion TV 7.30 The Reporters 9.30 Entertainment this Week 10.30 Fashion TV 11.30 The Best of Target 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Those Were the Days 2.30 National Gallery 3.30 The Best of Target 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm Light of Day (1987): Michael J Fox stars as a factory worker by day who plays rock 'n' roll by night in a band waiting for its big break. Starring Joan Jett and Gena Rowlands

4.00 Dangerous Curves (1987): Two American kids are entrusted with a new Porsche to deliver to Lake Tahoe. The car is stolen and appears as first prize in a beauty contest. Starring Tate Donovan and Leslie Nielsen

5.30 Madonna in Concert: In concert in Barcelona, her Blond Ambition Tour features a stunning show and her greatest hits

7.40 Entertainment Tonight

8.00 Caddyshack 2 (1987): That bastion of snobbery, the Bushwood Country Golf Club, is once again the setting for some wacky comedy as a self-made millionaire stops at nothing to get into the set. Starring Jackie Mason, Robert Stack, Dyan Cannon, Chevy Chase, Dan Aykroyd and Randy Quaid

10.00 Colors (1987): Set in the street gang world of LA, a veteran cop is teamed up with a young recruit whose style soon destroys the state of trust between the gangs and the police. Starring Robert Duvall, Sean Penn and Maria Conchita Alonso

12.15am And God Created Woman (1987): A prisoner in a New Mexico jail is offered her freedom if she will become a respectable wife. As soon as she's out, she decides not to play by her jailers' rules. Starring Rebecca DeMornay, Vincent Spano and Frank Langella

2.00 Good To Go (1986): Art Garfunkel plays a journalist framed on a rape-murder charge who sets out to clear his name. Set in Washington. Starring Robert Doqui, Harris Yulin, Reginald Daughtry and Richard Brooks

4.00 The Yakuza (1974): Robert Mitchum ventures to Japan to rescue a friend's daughter from the Japanese Mafia. Starring Takakura Ken and Brian Keith

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 9.00 Football 9.30 Judo 10.00 Trax 12.00 Wheels 12.30pm World Equestrian Games: Stockholm ATP Tennis: Austrian Open, Kitzbuhel 6.00 Monster Trucks 7.00 Football 8.30 Tennis 10.00 Boxing 11.00 Equestrianism

SCREENSPORT

6.00am Motorcycling 7.00 Showjumping 9.00 Tennis 11.00 US Pro Boxing 12.30pm Major League Baseball 2.30 Canoeing 3.00 Motor Sport 5.00 Weekend Live, Screensport Update 8.00 Motor Sport 9.00 Boxing 10.30 Boxing 12.00 Canoeing 1.00am Motor Sport 3.00 Baseball

MTV

Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Captain Gallant 12.30pm Ensign O'Toole 1.00 The Tom Ewell Show 1.30 One Step Beyond 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night 5.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

11.50am The Emigrants (1971): Starring Max von Sydow and Liv Ullman. Touching drama about a Swedish family who come to settle in America in the 19th-century. Starring Liv Ullman and Jan Troell

2.35 Run till You Fall (1988): Starring Jamie Farr and Fred Savage. A private detective wants to win back his wife but to do that he must struggle through law school

4.00 Dancers (1987): Starring Mikhail Baryshnikov and Alessandra Ferri. A self-centred ballet star falls in love with a young ballerina but will his arrogance allow them the happiness they want?

6.00 The Ewok Adventure: Caravan of Courage (1984): Starring Eric Walker and Warwick Davis. The Ewoks of Endor offer their aid to two children whose space craft has crash-landed

8.00 Burglar (1987): Starring Whoopi Goldberg and Bob Goldthwait. A bookseller masquerades as a cat-burglar but lands in trouble when she is framed for a crime she did not commit

10.00 Blind Date (1987): Starring Bruce Willis and Kim Basinger. An executive takes on a blind date. Chaos breaks out when she has a quick drink.

11.40 Prince of Darkness (1987): Starring Donald Pleasence and Jameson Parker. Satan plans an escape from a church basement

1.30am Love Child (1982): Starring Amy Madigan and Beau Bridges. Jailed for a robbery, a woman discovers that she's pregnant and has fight the authorities to rear her own child. Based on a true story. Ends 3.30am

GALAXY

7am Superfriends 7.30 Re-Mix 9.00 The Galaxy Show 9.30 The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin 10.00 Tarzan 10.30 The Dukes 11.00 Space Patrol 11.30 The New Adventures of Batman 12.00 Jupiter Moon 1.30 Doctor Who 2.00 Cool Cube 2.30 The Satellite Game 4.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 5.00 Grange Hill 5.30 Kid's Court 6.00 The Goodies 6.30 Till Death Us Do Part 7.00 Night Court 7.30 Intellect 8.00 Nightingales 9.00 Hill Street Blues 10.00 I Love Keith Allen 10.30 Cold Sweat 12.25 Trackdown 1.25 Living Dolls 1.55am Ann Jillian Show

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

9.30am Sportsdesk 10.00 The Continental Challenge: Snooker/Pool 12.00 National Football League 1.00 Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 Tuff Trax 3.00 American Sports Cavalcade 4.00 Australian Rugby League 5.00 American Wrestling 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 On Two Wheels 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 The Main Event: The Continental Challenge — Snooker/Pool 10.00 Racing Today 10.30 Sportsdesk 11.00 Boxing 12.00 Sportsdesk

NOW

12.00 The Mike Smith Show 1.00pm Summer Edition 2.00 Front of House 2.30 Encore: The Midsummer Marriage 5.45 Classic Choice: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra 7.30 Bravo! 8.00 Saturday Performance: The Tale of Manor 9.30 Late Night Music: Ornette Coleman Sextet

THE POWER STATION

THE POWER STATION
9.00am Eighteen hours of rock and pop

SUNDAY'S TELEVISION & RADIO

COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND MERLE ADAM
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BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Ends at 8.50
8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Umbrella. David Bellamy explains why he is not afraid of dying (r)
9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's Baslow home in the Derbyshire Peak District
10.00 Bugs Bunny's Year. Cartoon (r)
10.25 Film: The Seven Little Foys (1955) starring Bob Hope, James Cagney and Milly Vitale. Standard showbusiness biography featuring the vaudeville star Eddie Foy and his seven children, who all appeared in his act. Directed by Melville Shavelson. (Ceefax) 11.55 Cartoon
12.05 See Hear! This month's magazine for the deaf and hard of hearing includes a report on the first government-funded signed video (on the poll tax)
12.30 Country File. John Craven reports on the vicious sport of badger-baiting, and the work of UK Animal Watch, an organisation dedicated to stamping out this activity. 12.55 Weather
1.00 News with Moira Stuart. Followed by Speaking Volumes. P.D. James is joined by Irma Kurtz, Jack Trevor Story and Andrea Newman to discuss Jonathan Miller's collection of essays on Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Garrison Keillor's *We Are Still Married* and Elsa Lewin's thriller *I, Anna*. They also talk to author Bernard MacLaverty 1.45 The Pink Panther Show (r)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: The Tamarind Seed (1974) starring Omar Sharif, Julie Andrews and Anthony Quayle. While holidaying in Barbados, a prim British widow, who has access to confidential Home Office information, falls for a Russian military attache, and their ensuing romance causes consternation throughout the rival intelligence organisations. Reasonable time-killer which is really a gentle romance masquerading as a spy thriller. Directed by Blake Edwards
5.05 All our Children: Using Their Talent. Judi Dench narrates the series about how talented children round the world are encouraged to develop their skills. (Ceefax)
5.55 The Great Picture Chase.
● Invited to spend £500 of the BBC's money on an original work of art, Kate Adie bends the rules and opts not for a picture but a pot. Working through her wardrobe of summer frocks, Adie goes to the V & A for an expert briefing and in Somerset calls on John Leach, the bushy-bearded grandson of the legendary Bernard. Spreading further afield to Wales and Devon, she casts her sharp reporter's eye over a range of pots, some elegantly traditional, others frankly pretentious. The prices vary alarmingly and part of the fascination of the show is seeing how the magic figure of £500 can be reconciled with an object worth collecting. The pots take some upstaging but Adie is the star, smiling much more than she does when reporting from the world's hotspots, and clearly on top of the subject. She sets a high standard for those following her in future programmes, among them Toyah Wilcox, Ian Hislop and David Gower. (Ceefax)


Investigating the pot: Kate Adie (5.55pm)

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Festival. Bill Oddie visits Cheltenham's International Festival of Music. (Ceefax)
7.15 All Creatures Great and Small: The New World. James Herriot's Yorkshire vets again double as social workers when James faces problems with a vain and lazy farmer who relies on his wife and son to save him from exertion (r). (Ceefax)
8.05 Blackadder the Third: Sense and Senility. The amoral Edmund continues to plot and plan his way through history (r). (Ceefax)
8.35 Film: Who Will Love my Children? (1983) starring Ann-Margret and Frederic Forrest. Factually-based, award-winning television film, set in Iowa in the 1950s, about a loving mother of 10 who discovers she is dying of cancer. Reluctant to leave her children in the care of an impersonal state system, she starts her search for good adoptive families. Directed by John Erman. (Ceefax)
10.05 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather
10.20 Everyman: Who Killed Vincent Chin?
● Vincent Chin was a Chinese-American working in the motor industry in Detroit. Celebrating his forthcoming marriage in a night club, he got into an argument with a white car worker and was beaten to death with a baseball bat. The assailant insisted that the killing was the result of a drunken brawl. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was put on probation. The Asian community was *outraged, convinced that Chin had been the victim of racial hatred.* It was suggested that the attack was revenge on orientals for causing a depression in the American car industry. This cogent reconstruction, based on the testimony of leading participants including the killer, covers the five-year battle of Chin's family and friends to secure what they regarded as a just verdict. British viewers will be struck by the extraordinary long-windedness of the American legal system and the surprising willingness of those involved in court proceedings, from the judge downwards, to talk freely about them on television.
11.10 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. American comedy series starring Blair Brown
11.35 You and 92. Alan Watson and Dick Taverne examine the possible effects of 1992 on where you live
12.10am Mahabharat. Episode 17 (r)
12.50 Weather

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am
8.00 TV-am Reports introduced by Geoff Meade and Lisa Aziz
9.25 Film: Double Switch, part one (1986) starring George Newbern, Elisabeth Shue and Michael Des Barres. Updated Disney version of Mark Twain's *The Prince and the Pauper*. Directed by David Greenwalt
10.15 The Campbells
10.45 Link. Voldi and Clare Gailans, who are both blind, talk about the opposition they encountered when they decided to marry and have children
11.00 Morning Worship from St Peter's Church, Boughton Monchelsea, Kent
12.00 Heartland. The Rev Professor James Whyte talks about 1988, the year he was moderator of the Church of Scotland
12.30 The Care Bears. Cartoon series 12.55 LWT News and weather
1.00 News with Brenda Rowe 1.10 An Invitation To Remember. Robert Morley reminisces
1.40 Film: The 39 Steps (1959) starring Kenneth More, Barry Jones and Taina Elg. A feeble remake of Hitchcock's sparkling Thirties version of the John Buchan chase thriller, technically more polished but otherwise with little to commend it. Directed by Ralph Thomas
3.30 International Rugby. Highlights of yesterday's second rugby union international between Argentina and England in Buenos Aires
4.30 Royal Champion: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Horses. As the Queen Mother reaches her 90th birthday, a second showing of the programme which looks at her love of horses and horse racing. (Oracle)
5.30 A Kind of Living. Dour sitcom starring Richard Griffiths
6.00 All Clued Up. Game show
6.30 News with Brenda Rowe. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Castle's in Europe: Spain — To Be a Pilgrim. Roy Castle treads the ancient pilgrim route in northern Spain which takes him to the shrine of St James the Apostle in Santiago de Compostela
7.15 Jimmy's. Real-life medical dramas from Europe's largest teaching hospital, St James's in Leeds
7.45 Forever Green. John Alderton and Pauline Collins star in the drama series about a family who move to the country for the sake of their daughter, an allergy sufferer (r). (Oracle)
8.45 News with Richard Bath. Weather 9.00 LWT Weather
9.05 The Queen Mother in Person.
● ITN's 90th birthday tribute is royal family television in the traditional mould, complete with the impeccably tasteful Sir Alastair Burnet. No *Spitting Image* rudery here. The woman of the moment takes Sir Alistair and the camera crew on a stroll round her favourite garden at Royal Lodge, Windsor, pausing to reflect on her times there as consort to George VI and mother of two young princesses. This amiable conversation, hardly an interview, is supplemented by a detailed retrospect of her birthday year. There is also a brisk biographical portrait, picking up on her childhood in Scotland, marriage to the young Duke of York and the abdication which made her an unexpected queen. As they watch it all, viewers will doubtless speculate on the Queen Mother's longevity and wonder whether to put it down to a life which, excluding the 16 years of her husband's reign, has been relatively unstressed, or simply to a relaxed and sunny temperament. (Oracle)


The birthday tribute: Queen Mother (9.05)

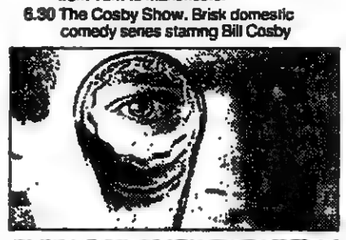
10.05 Tales of the Unexpected: A Harmless Vanity. A wife tracks down her husband's mistress but their meeting is not at all what she expected (r). (Oracle)
10.35 Red Empire: Enemies of the People. The worthy, unexciting history of the Soviet Union reaches Stalin's terror of the 1930s.
11.35 Film: The Legacy (1978) starring Katharine Ross, Roger Daltrey and Sam Elliott. An American designer, invited to her employer's British mansion, walks into a strange world of unexplained deaths and occult ceremonies. Banal horror story, directed by Richard Marquand. Followed by News headlines
1.25 The ITV Chart Show (r)
2.25 Pick of the Week
2.55 Film: The Salamander (1981) starring Anthony Quinn, Franco Nero and Christopher Lee. An Italian colonel fights to prevent a fascist coup. Directed by Peter Zinner
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Maths — Shrinking Polygons 7.00 Halogens and Noble Gases 7.25 Calculus: Geometric Vectors 7.50 The Shape of Cars To Come 8.15 Raising Sons and Daughters 8.40 Light, the Recorder 9.05 Learning from the Box: The Context 9.30 Inner City Story: The Docker 9.55 The Other Virtuosos 10.20 Biology: Digestion 10.45 Maths: Modelling Stock Control 11.10 Patterns of Diversity 11.35 Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands 12.00 The Changing Countryside: Why Protect the Past? 12.25 Ecology: Managing Landscape 12.50 Open Day at Walton Hall
1.00 Ecology. A look at the pine beauty, a moth which is now becoming a pest in the north of Scotland, thanks to the introduction of the lodgepole pine, a native of North America
1.25 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.30 and 4.40 Show Jumping: the second part of the World championships from Stockholm in which the top four riders ride each others horses; 2.10, 3.50 and 5.40 Motorcycling: the Shell Oils British grand prix from Donington; 3.30 Water Skiing: the Carlsberg European Barefoot Masters from Lincoln
6.30 One Man and His Dog. The Welsh heat of the BBCtv International Sheepdog Championships, with three shepherds — Glyn Jones, William Watkins and Alan Lloyd — putting their dogs through their paces in the hills of the Derbyshire Peak District. Presented by Phil Drabble with Eric Halsall
7.15 Rough Guide to the World. Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha visit Buenos Aires in Argentina, a city rich in culture but deep in confusion, with stark contrasts between the polo-playing elite and the much larger group of impoverished people struggling to survive. This remains a watchable programme, but more on account of the places it visits and the images it finds than because of any startling insights by its presenters (r)
8.05 The Late Show. Repeated highlights from the arts and media programme. Design critics Stephen Bayley, Jonathan Glancey and Martin Pawley argue about the perfect car; artist Simon Linke explains why he paints exact reproductions of advertisements; and there is a series of one-minute films specially commissioned for the show
9.05 Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth: *The Meaning of Myth.* Continuing the series in which Campbell talks to American journalist Bill Moyers about the insights he has gleaned from a life-long study of ancient myths. He explains the sense of mystery and vision that myths give us, and looks at their capacity to guide and teach. Campbell also speaks of the differences between world religions, in particular the roles of God and nature. (Ceefax)
9.45 British Motorcycle Grand Prix. Highlights from Donington, featuring the 500cc World championship battle between Kevin Schwantz and Wayne Rainey. Plus visual reports on the 250cc, 125cc and Sidecar World championship races. The commentators are Murray Walker and Barry Nutley
10.20 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces A Wedding (1978) starring Geraldine Chaplin, Mia Farrow and Vittorio Gassman. A nouveau riche American east coast society wedding turns into a disaster for the couple when no guests arrive at the reception, a grandmother is dying in one of the upstairs rooms, the doctor is drunk and an unexpected pregnancy is announced. Almost all the characters involved in the wedding arrangements are racist, greedy and totally unsympathetic, making for a hard-hitting social satire. Directed by Robert Altman. (Ceefax). Ends at 12.30am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Gardener's Calendar (r). (Teletext) 7.30 Once Upon a Time . . . Life. Cartoon series about the human body and its defensive system 8.00 Early Bird 8.25 David the Gnome 8.55 Ramona
9.25 Band Baja. Asian music series
10.00 Japan: The Electronic Tribe. A repeat series of four programmes looking at Japan from a British view
11.00 Storywheel for both deaf and hearing children (r) 11.30 Elly and Jools. Drama about a ghost and the human who befriends her.
12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land of the Giants. Science fiction adventures
2.00 Film: Outcast of the Islands (1951, b/w) starring Trevor Howard, Ralph Richardson and Robert Morley. Carol Reed's creditable stab, helped by strong acting, at a complex Joseph Conrad novel about a trader who twice betrays a friendship and is left to a suitable fate.
3.50 All That Bach. Interpretations of Johann Sebastian Bach take many forms and this celebration of the composer features world-renowned artists demonstrating the diversity of his music. Included are Keith Jarrett, Christopher Hogwood and the Academy of Ancient Music, the Canadian Brass and the National Tap Dance Company
4.55 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). Joining the great balladeer are Peggy King, Cornel Wilde and Billy Preston.
5.25 News summary and weather
5.30 Cycling: Kellogg's Tour of Britain 1990. The last stage — a 120 mile leg from York to Manchester
6.30 The Cosby Show. Brisk domestic comedy series starring Bill Cosby


Against all the odds: Ben Bowlby (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinox: The Nuts and Bolts of Ben Bowlby.
● Ben Bowlby is an engaging young man of 23 who has overcome the handicap of dyslexia to take a degree in engineering and pursue a promising career as a designer of racing cars. He is even compared with the late Colin Chapman of Lotus, although the programme offers no independent substantiation for this very large claim. Patrick Uden's film is less about science, the *Equinox* brief, than a portrait of a scientist who has made it through an unorthodox route. Talking virtually non-stop, Bowlby is shown with his grandfather, the child psychiatrist John Bowlby, gathering expertise from the Lotus factory in Norfolk and carrying out tests at Snetterton. The film also condemns an educational system which fails to get the best out of children such as Ben, who are too easily dismissed as shy, dim or undisciplined. (Teletext)
8.00 Beyond the Groove. The late David Rappaport, playing Sir Harry Blandford, continues his musical odyssey across the United States, reaching the Cajun country, where he meets k. d. lang, Bob Geldof, Lyle Lovett and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band
8.30 Film 4 Today: The Muscle Market. Continuing the season of outstanding BBC dramas from the 1970s is Alan Bleasdale's early play about Danny Duggan, a man whose rough-handed business methods are about to get him into a great deal of trouble. Starring Peter Postlethwaite, Terence Rigby, Philip Donaghy and Alison Steadman. Directed by Alan Dossor
10.00 American Bowl '90. Highlights of the American Bowl from Wembley between the Los Angeles Raiders and the New Orleans Saints. The Raiders are one of the best teams in NFL history, while the Saints have had a more chequered past. This game is part of the pre-season games in which the coaches have a chance to see how new players could fit into the framework. This means the big stars are unlikely to get the play they are usually given, but winning is still important and this is likely to be a tough battle. Introduced by Mick Luckhurst with reporter Gary Imlach
12.00 Film: Cairo Central Station (1958, b/w) starring Youssef Chahine and Hind Rostom. This offering from Egypt is about a newspaper seller who both lives and works at a train station. His fascination for a lemonade seller eventually turns to obsession, despite her being engaged to a porter, leading him down a dangerous path of confusion. Directed by Youssef Chahine. French dialogue with English subtitles. Ends at 1.30am

RADIO 1

FM Stereo & MW
News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30
5.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm 30 Years of Number Ones 3.00 Phillip Schofield 5.00 Top 40 7.00 David Bowie's Sound and Vision 10.45-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
News on the hour except 8.00pm (3.00am, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00 FM only) Headlines 7.30am
4.00am Dave Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies For You 11.00 Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Don Innes 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Alan Towers 7.00 Brooks Aehron's Serenade 8.00 The Kings Singers 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.05 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05 Robin Ray on Record 1.00am-4.00 Nightride
MW as above except: 2.00-7.00pm Sunday Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST
6.00am News 6.09 24 Hours followed by News Summary 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours: News Summary 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.45 Book Choice 8.50 Wave Guide 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music for a While 10.00 News 10.09 Review of the British Press 10.15 Journey to the Centre of the Earth 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Book Choice 10.45 Short Story 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 [illegible] Magazine 11.59 Travel News 12.00 News 12.09pm News About Britain 12.15 648 Letter Box 12.30 The Ken Bruce Show 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Play of the week 2.00 News and 24 Hours on Sunday 2.45 Sports Roundup 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Stone's America 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsreel 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Nachrichten 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News 5.09 News about Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines 6.15 648 Letterbox 6.30 Nachrichten 6.40 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 News Summary 8.01 Play of the Week 9.00 News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Brain of Britain 1990 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Sports Roundup 10.15 Music for a While 11.00 Newshour 12.00 News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 Stone's America 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Pillars of Society 2.45 Singers At Work 3.00 News 3.09 Review of the British Press 3.15 Newsreel 3.30 Science in Action 3.59 Weather 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Good Books 4.30 Letter from America 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.35 News in German 5.45 Headlines in English and French 5.47 Press Review 5.52 The Week on 648 5.58 Weather, Travel

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Corelli: Home and Abroad (new series). Eight programmes featuring music by the 18th-century composer and by his many imitators, who admired his "perfect and bewitching harmony". Concerto Grosso, Op 6 No 1 (Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under McGegan); Trio Sonata, Op 2 No 9 (English Concert under Pinnock); Stradella (Sonata di viole: Parley of Instruments: Peter Holman and Roy Goodman)
7.30 News
7.35 Beaux Arts Trio (new series). The first of four programmes featuring recordings of music performed by the Trio since 1955. Includes Beethoven (Variations on Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu, Op 121a); and Mendelssohn (Piano Trio in D minor, Op 49)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Featuring Handel, arr Beecham (The Origin of Design: LPO under Beecham); Haydn (Nocturne in F, H II 28: The Music Party under Alan Hacker, clarinet), Hummel (Concerto in B minor. ECO under Thomson, with Stephen Hough, piano); Schubert (Stabat Mater, D 175: RIAS Chamber Choir: Berlin RSO under Marcus Creed); and Tchaikovsky (Souvenir de Florence: I Musici de Montreal under Yuli Turovsky)
10.30 Prom Talk: Michael Hall with guest Diana Burrell, whose *Arched Forms with Bells* receives its world premiere tomorrow
11.00 Ecossaise: BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Lydia Mordkovitch, violin, performs Berlioz (Overture, Rob Roy); Bruch (Scottish Fantasia); Debussy (Marche Ecossaise); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3, Scottish)
12.35pm Fretwork: Paul Nicholson, organ, performs William Lawes (Consort suite a 6 No 5 in F, "for the violls"); Purcell (Fantazias in three parts, Nos 1 and 2; in four parts, Nos 7 and 8; Fantazia on one note, in five parts; Two In nomines in G minor, in six and seven parts); Lawes (Pavan and two airs with divisions for organ and two bass viols); Purcell (Fantazias in four parts, Nos 5 and 11; Voluntary in D minor, for organ); Lawes (Consort suite a 6 in C minor "for the violls"). Includes 1.10 interval reading (r)
1.55 Russian Songs: Paata Burchuladze, bass, and Manna Beridze, piano, perform Rachmaninov (Seven Songs); Musorgsky (Songs and Dances of Death; Trepak; Lullaby; Serenade; The Field-Marshal) (r)
2.45 Celibidache Conducts Bruckner: Symphony No 7 in E (Munich PO)
4.05 Eder Quartet: Dvořák (String Quartet No 14 in A flat, Op 105) (r)
4.40 Celebrity Recital: Walter Klien, piano, performs Mozart (Fantasia in C minor, K 457); Janáček (Sonata in E flat minor, I X 1905); Schubert (Sonata in A, D 959)
6.15 Opera News
7.00 Stabat Mater: By Domenico Scarlatti. Performed by BBC Singers under Simon Joly
7.30 Proms 1990
● No need now, or ever, for that matter, to talk patronisingly about tonight's music makers, the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. They are up there with the very best, not only in the sound they make, but also in the boldness of their programming (tonight: Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, Ravel's Piano Concerto for left hand, with Joanna MacGregor as soloist, and — a London debut for a work written 12 years ago — Giles Swayne's *Pentecost Music*). Swayne's painting (same title) is in the BBC's invaluable *Proms 1990* booklet. Not a bad idea to study it while you listen.
9.45 Poet of the Month. Craig Raine. Clive Wilmer talks to the poet about his works including the libretto to Nigel Osborne's opera *The Electrification of the Soviet Union*
10.05 The Virtuoso Cello: Stephen Isserlis, cello, and Maggie Cole, harpsichord, perform Boccherini (Sonata in G, G 5; Sonata in C minor, G 2b; Sonata in C, G 6) (r)
10.35 City of London Sinfonia: Richard Hickox conducts Poole (Woodscapes); Burrell (Landscape) and Hopkins (Sinfonia)
11.35 Bach: Eight Leipzig Cantatas. Cantata No 8, Liebster Gott, wenn werd ich sterben? Performed by Bach Ensemble under Joshua Rifkin, with Julianne Baird, soprano; Allan Fast, countertenor, Frank Kelley, tenor, Jan Opalach, bass
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Prelude (s)
6.30 Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Oliver Walston visits Sir Richard Body MP on his farm in Berkshire
7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 Appeal by David Blunkett MP on behalf of Electronic Aids for the Blind 8.55 Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service: from Ballywalter Presbyterian Church, County Down
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand: Liz Forgan reviews the periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week: With David Owen Norris (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley with Professor Sir George Porter (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: From Brussels, Belgium
2.30 Play: Showing Promise. By Dave Sheasby. Marjorie is running out of cash to complete her creative writing course, so the arrival of Harry could prove useful. With Heather Stoney as Marjorie, Garry Kersey as Brian, John Bramwell as John, Lorraine Peters as Jean, Daphne Oxenford as Florence, and Graham Roberts as Harry (s)
3.15 Norfolk Man: John Timpson introduces the county of Norfolk through people who live and work there. Part 5: Bill Makin, founder of Pensthorpe Waterfowl Trust and Nature Reserve (s) (r)
3.30 How Far Can You Go? Barry Norman hosts a discussion about art and sacred issues with guests including John Cleese, Fay Weldon, Martin Scorsese, Arnold Wesker (r)
4.00 News; A Voyage of Discovery: In the second of four programmes, writer John Mortimer looks at some great operatic characters including Carmen and Falstaff (s) (r)
4.35 The Biter Bit: By Wilkie Collins, read by John Rowe (r)
5.00 News; Radio Lives. Six portraits of great radio figures. 3: J.B.S. Haldane, the scientist who was a familiar radio voice in the 1930s, through to the 1950s. Presented by Professor John Durant (s) (r)
5.40 To the Back of Not Very Far Away: 10 comic tales of 1960s life read by Anton Rodgers. The Full Quarter. Exploring the Jordanian desert by camel (Part 6) (s) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Feedback. Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments and suggestions about BBC programmes and policy (r)
6.30 Special Assignment: Conflict in Kashmir. Mark Tully reports from India and Kashmir on the threat to peace in the sub-continent (r)
7.00 Cat's Tails. Julie Mayer continues her exploration of the River Thames (s)
7.30 A Good Read: Helen Lederer and Willie Rushton choose four paperbacks (r)
8.00 Punters: An opportunity for listeners' to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: *Let Me Put It In, It Feels All Right* from Pamela Des Barres's memoirs *I'm with the Band* (s)
9.00 News: Enquire Within. Dilly Barlow attempts to answer listeners' questions (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: The electrical secrets of leaves 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 With Great Pleasure: David Lodge presents a selection of his favourite poetry and prose (s) (r)
11.00 The Litmus Test: Light-hearted science quiz with Michael Scott (s) (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Ian Bradley looks at the Christian's response to concern for creation and the environment (s)
12.00-12.30am News incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except: 7.00-8.00am Open University: 7.00 Modern Art: Vorticism 7.20 Tolstoy's View of Art and Morality 7.40 Arts Foundation Course: Sullivan 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 5.50-5.55 Programme News

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m,909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m, FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m, FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 1.10-1.40 Devil's Advocates 5.30-6.30 The Incredible Hulk 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am The Twilight Zone 1.00 Film: The Shattered Room 2.50 CinemAttractions 3.20 Transmission 4.20 Pop Profile 4.30-5.00 Pick of the Week.

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Here Come The Double Deckers 1.10 Film: Blondie Hits the Jackpot 2.25-3.30 Film: Stop Over Forever 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Funny Farm 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.00 Film: The Last Chapter 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10-1.40 Contrasts 5.30-6.30 The A-Team 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am Film: Madame Rosa 2.30 The ITV Chart Show 3.30 Potter Merchants 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder.

GRANADA

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Young Upfront 1.10 French Connection 2.10 Richmond Hill 3.00-3.30 All Clued Up 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Funny Farm 2.30 Pick of the Week 2.55 The ITV Chart Show 3.55 Film: The Last Chapter 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Looking Back 1.10 The Time Tunnel 2.00 Along the Cotswold Way 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00-3.30 Sporting Triangles 5.30-6.00 Watching 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am The ITV Chart Show 1.30 The Silk Road 2.25 Bedrock: Strawbs 3.25 Film: Tarnished Heroes* 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-12.55 The Invisible Man* 2.00 Face Value 2.30-3.00 Perspectives

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming News 1.10 Here Come the Double Deckers 1.40-3.30 Film: Why Not Stay For Breakfast 5.30-6.00 Coming of Age 11.35 Special Squad 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Funny Farm 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.00 Film: The Last Chapter 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Double Deckers 1.10 Huckleberry Finn and his Friends 1.40 Just Champion 2.10 Sailing with Anneka Rice 3.05-3.30 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 5.30-6.00 Trailblazers 11.35 The Human Factor 12.05am The Law and Harry McGraw 1.05 Throb 1.35 Film: Honeysuckle Rose 3.50 Out of Limits 4.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 4.30-5.00 Pick of the Week.

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 1.10-1.40 Survival 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.35 The Oldest Rookie 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Funny Farm 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.00 Film: The Last Chapter 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 The British Midland Ulster Rally 1.45-3.30 All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final: Antrim v Cork 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.05 All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final: Antrim v Cork, Offaly v Galway 11.05 Red Empire 12.05am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Funny Farm 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.30 The ITV Chart Show 4.00 The Last Chapter 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm The Double Deckers 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.10-3.30 Film: Assault on the Wayne 5.30-6.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 11.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05am The Law and Harry McGraw 1.00 Pick of the Week 1.30 Invisible Man 2.00 The ITV Chart Show 3.00 Throb 3.35 Liechtenstein: A Princely Heritage 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Early Morning 9.25 Band Baja 10.00 Storywheel 10.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru, Cwm Rhymni 1990 11.30 Elly and Jools 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 TV 101 2.00 Kingdom of the Deep 3.00 Film: Perfect Strangers* 4.55 Tebaldo's Flame 5.00 The Wonder Years 5.30 Cycling: Kellogg's Tour of Britain 1990 6.30 Rygbi Rhyngwladol '90 7.05 O Gedwyr Ban 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru, Cwm Rhymni 1990 8.15 Hel Straeon 8.45 Canwn Moliannwn 9.15 Ffiniau 9.35 Y Duw Byw 9.45 Greyhound Racing 10.00 American Bowl '90 12.00 Film: Cairo Central Station* 1.30 Diwedd.

RTE 1

Starts: 10.10am Beats of the Heart 11.05 Yeshua 12.00 Mass 12.45 The Dragon Has Two Tongues 1.10 Little House on the Prairie 1.55 News followed by Between the Wars 2.25 Room Outside 2.55 Sign of the Times 3.25 The Angel and the Soldier Boy 3.55 Film: The Princess and the Pirate 5.40 News 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Rogha Na [illegible] 6.30 Home to Roost 7.00 Murder She Wrote 7.55 Make Mine Music 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Hawaii 12.25am News 12.30 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Morning Service 12.00 Superstars of Wrestling 1.00pm Refuge Assurance Cricket 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 The Secret Video Show 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Mr Horn 10.00 Star Trek 11.00 World News 11.30 Entertainment This Week 12.30am The Big Valley

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
5.30am The Reporters 6.30 Frank Bough This Week 9.30 Entertainment This Week 10.30 National Gallery 11.30 The Great Wall of Iron 12.30pm Those Were the Days 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 Frank Bough This Week 3.30 The Great Wall of Iron 4.30 National Gallery 5.30 Those Were the Days 6.30 Entertainment This Week 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Cops 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Cops 12.30am Those Were the Days 1.30 Cops 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 Frank Bough This Week 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm The Wizard of Speed and Time (1988): Director Mike Jittlov stars as himself in this magical mystery tour
4.00 Date with an Angel (1987): Angel unexpectedly lands in Michael Knight's swimming pool and he falls in love. However, this presents some problems with his fiancee who is understandably upset at his involvement with the winged wonder. Also starring Emmanuelle Beart with Phoebe Cates and David Dukes
6.00 Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988): The bumbling police squad becomes involved with a gang of jewel thieves in Miami. Their luggage is swapped for the bags of the crooks and uproarious, laugh-packed adventure ensues. Starring Bubba Smith, David Graf and Michael Winslow
8.00 The Rescue (1987): Two US Air Force pilots are shot down over North Korea and captured. When the government refuses to get involved, a self-formed team of Air Force kids decides to rescue their dads. There is some super patriotic airborne action into the bargain. Starring Kevin Dillon, Christina Harnos, Marc Price and Ned Vaughn
10.00 Outrageous Fortune (1987): Bette Midler and Shelley Long co-star as sworn enemies who discover to their mutual horror that they've been duped by the same man. They decide to team up to plot their revenge. However, when the lover apparently dies in a huge explosion, things get more complicated as the girls find themselves mixed up with the CIA, KGB and all manner of crazy goings-on occur. Starring Peter Coyote and Robert Prosky.
11.45 The Club (1980): A drama set in an Australian football club in Melbourne where internal struggles and petty rivalries are rife. They threaten to pull the team apart. Starring Frank Wilson, Jack Thompson and Alan Cassell
1.30 Night Moves (1975): Gene Hackman stars as an ex-football player turned private detective who spends his working hours staking out divorce disputants, chasing runaways and tracing missing persons. However, his run-of-the-mill life is about to end when he is hired by a former actress to track down her troublesome daughter. in this modern film
4.00 Hope and Glory (1987): World War Two seen through the eyes of an English boy who finds adventure in the Blitz. Starring Sarah Miles and Sebastian Rice Edwards

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 9.00 Football 9.30 Judo 10.00 Trans World Sport 11.00 Boxing 12.00 Surfing Magazine 12.30pm Eurosport 6.00 Australian Rules Football 7.00 Mountaineering 8.30 Tennis 9.30 Motorcycling 11.00 Equestrianism

SCREENSPORT

5am Golf — The Belgian Ladies' Open 8.00 Powersports International 7.00 Major League Baseball 9.00 Golf 11.00 Motor Sport 1pm Tennis 3.00 Tenpin Bowling 5.00 Weekend Live: Tennis plus Screensport Update 7.30 Baseball 8.00 "Go" Dutch Motor Sports 9.00 Weekend Live: Golf 11.00 Showjumping

MTV

Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Captain Gallant 12.30pm Ensign O'Toole 1.00 Tom Ewell 1.30 One Step Beyond 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Roller Derby 4.00 Northwest Passage 4.25 Film: The Last Time I Saw Paris (1954) 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

11.50am The Stalking Moon (1968): Starring Gregory Peck and Eva Marie Saint. An army scout encounters a white woman who has been captured by the Apache and manages to free her and her half-Indian son
1.55pm Hornet's Nest (1970): Starring Rock Hudson and Sylva Koscina. In the midst of World War Two, a dangerous mission is undertaken by a US army captain and a group of Italian children
4.00 Surrender (1987): Unsuccessful film following the courtship of a novelist played by Michael Caine and a painter played by Sally Field
6.00 An American Tail (1986): Animated feature about Fievel, the Mouse, who is separated from his family while they are travelling to New York to escape persecution in Russia
8.00 Real Men (1987): James Belushi and John Ritter are out to save the world in just five days in this spoof spy movie
10.00 Matewan (1987): Starring Chris Cooper and James Earl Jones. This true story of a Twenties miners' strike in Matewan, West Virginia, is stunningly told
12.20am Mercenary Fighters (1988). Starring Peter Fonda. When an industrial [illegible] conflicts with ancient African traditions, conflict breaks out involving American mercenaries. Ends at 1.55 am

GALAXY

7am Superfriends 7.30 Re-Mix 9.00 Blizzard Island 9.30 The Rifleman 10.00 Animal World 10.30 Kids' Court 11.00 Mr Ed 11.30 Submariner 12.00 Time of Your Life 1.00pm Sea Hunt 1.30 Facts of Life 2.00 Cool Cube: includes The Satellite Game 4.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 5.00 Grange Hill 5.30 Doctor Who — From the Start 6.00 Doctor Down Under 6.30 The Best of Steptoe and Son 7.00 Iron Horse 8.00 Fred Astaire Season 9.40 The Burns and Allen Show 10.10 The Outer Limits 11.10 Sunday Movie: Condor.

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

9.30am Sportsdesk 10.00 The Continental Challenge 12.00 National Football League 1.00 Sportsdesk 1.30 National Football League 2.30 Rodeo 3.30 Boxing 5.00 Supercross 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 Australian Rugby League 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 The Main Event Snooker/Pool 10.00 Sportsdesk includes News and Weather 10.30 Snooker/Pool - The Continental Challenge 12.00 Sportsdesk

NOW

12.00 Living Now 12.30pm Go for Green 1.00 The Countryside Show 2.00 Documentary Mesha: Travels in Chinese Art 3.00 Sunday Matinee: Bruckner's Symphony No 5 4.45 In the Frame 5.30 Second House: The Martha Graham Dance School 7.30 [illegible] 8.00 Sunday Opera 10.45 Front of House
7.00am Nineteen hours of rock and pop

THE POWER STATION

7.00am Eighteen hours of rock and pop

West Africa states 'set to intervene in Liberia'

By Our Foreign Staff

NIGERIA and other West African states were reported yesterday to be preparing for possible military intervention to save their citizens trapped in Liberia by the civil war there.

A news flash on state radio said Nigeria and other countries could not sit by while their nationals were trapped in the war-torn country without food, water or medical facilities.

"The Nigerian government in concert with some other Economic Community of West African States countries might intervene to save the lives of their nationals caught up in the fighting in Liberia," the news flash said.

A senior government source said yesterday that Nigeria's primary aim was to evacuate its own nationals but that it also aimed to check a conflict that could endanger regional stability if it continued.

"We have sent word to the warring factions that we are coming in, and that we want an immediate ceasefire," the source, who declined to be named, said.

Nigeria, the most powerful state in West Africa, was assembling a joint naval, army and airborne force with some involvement from Ghana, Guinea and Sierre Leone, for an operation which could start tomorrow, he added.

A second naval unit was preparing to join the vessels waiting in Freetown — the troop carrier Ambe, which can carry up to 5,000 men, the fast attack missile boat Damisa and a tug, the spokesman said. He would not specify how big the full intervention force would be.

Thousands of civilians have been slaughtered in a vicious feud between troops of Liberian President Doe's Krahn tribe and two rebel factions fighting to overthrow him.

Civilians have been fleeing the capital, Monrovia, in increasing numbers as rebel fighters led by Charles Taylor and Prince Johnson turn on one another, threatening a yet more protracted war.

"As far as we are concerned they all have to go — Doe, Taylor and Johnson. There's been enough of their cowboy antics," the Nigerian source said. They would have to make way for an interim administration which could prepare the ground for elections, he said.

Reliable sources in daily radio contact with colleagues inside Liberia said that the people and foreign nationals trapped in the country were becoming increasingly desperate as food supplies ran out, with no end to the fighting in sight.

Berlin poll plan upsets Moscow

From Nicholas Worrall in Moscow

THE East German proposal by Lothar de Maizière, the prime minister, to bring all-Germany elections forward by six weeks was poorly received in Moscow yesterday.

"It is quite an unexpected turn of events for us," said Yuri Gremitskikh, the foreign ministry spokesman. "The proposal by de Maizière could disrupt the smooth work of the 'two-plus-four' formula," he said. "It was agreed by all sides that external aspects of German unification should be decided before the official declaration of a single German state," he added.

For security reasons, the Soviet Union had hoped to reach a bilateral treaty with a united Germany, but early elections could conclude the unification process before a treaty is reached.

● WEST BERLIN: Berlin was yesterday designated the capital of a united Germany, but it is yet to be decided whether the government will be located there. (AP)

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Pictorial tribute to Queen Mother

THE Queen took a trip down memory lane yesterday when she opened a 90th birthday exhibition portraying her mother's life.

The show, which has 1,000 exhibits, many of which were lent by the Queen, also includes some rarely-seen photographs of the royal family. It was arranged as a tribute to the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who celebrates her birthday today. A large crowd of sightseers braved the sweltering heat to cheer the Queen as she arrived to open the exhibition, called Ninety Memorable Years, in Windsor's historic Guildhall. The display includes a portrait sent by the Prince of Walesm which which usually hangs in his study at Highgrove, in Gloucestershire.

The Queen, cool and elegant in a pastel blue-and-white dress, donned her glasses to peer more closely at the exhibits.She chuckled when she saw a 1961 photograph of her mother going off to launch a ship in a wheelchair."That's unusual," she said to Tim O'Donovan, the exhibition organiser, "she wouldn't get in one of those now." The Queen Mother had cracked a bone in her foot.

Mr O'Donovan pointed out to the Queen that the next photograph of her mother showed her gamely striding along on a heavily bandaged left foot during the same engagement. "I told the Queen that she did not stay in the wheelchair all afternoon," he said.

A more recent picture showed the Queen Mother pulling a pint of bitter. The large colour photograph has no caption. "Someone bought it at a car boot sale and offered it to the exhibition. We put it in because it is fun," the organiser said.

Mr O'Donovan said the Queen "was surprised by the quality of some of the old photographs and commented about how splendid the dresses were". After failing to recognise one person in an old photograph, she suggested that the organisers ask her mother, who is due to visit the show privately on Sunday.

The Queen stayed 25 minutes longer than expected at the exhibition, which opens to the public today. The display starts with a picture of the Queen Mother at the age of two. It covers her marriage to the Duke of York, who went on to become George VI, the war years, and finishes with more recent events. Hundreds of photographs are interspersed with souvenir mugs, cups, biscuit tins and other mass-produced mementoes.

Lady May Abel Smith, a bridesmaid at the Queen Mother's wedding, lent a carved rock crystal and diamond brooch, given to her by the Duke of York to mark the occasion. King Olav of Norway sent the organisers photographs and other documents from the time when the duke was best man at his wedding in Oslo in 1929. There are also photographs showing the royal couple's honeymoon at Polesden Lacey, Surrey.

Mr O'Donovan spent a year putting the exhibition together with the help of more than 100 contributors. "We had a tremendous response," he said. The project had the Queen Mother's blessing from the start.

Dealers and collectors from all over Britain are expected to go to Bournemouth, Dorset, today for the sale of five letters written by the Queen Mother more than 70 years ago. The letters and one poem were written by the then Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon to Private James Harding, a wounded soldier she nursed at Glamis Castle, near Dundee, during the first world war.

Celebration portrait: the official picture for the Queen Mother's birthday shows her at Clarence House

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Late jet boarded by armed police

ARMED police boarded a holiday flight at Manchester Airport after angry passengers refused to leave. The incident happened after the Worldways plane from Toronto to Manchester and Exeter arrived 15 hours late.

The sit-in, which happened on Thursday, involved up to 60 Exeter passengers who were angry after being told that they would have to continue their journey by coach.

Martin Kimble, aged 29, a marine engineer from Mainstone, Plymouth, said:"We staged the sit-in because we were fed up. I was amazed when four policemen wearing pistols came on board. One of them threatened to arrest me but when I explained the ordeal we had been through he apologised."

An airport spokesman said: "We suggested that passengers who didn't want to be taken by coach to Exeter immediately should be put up in an hotel overnight. About half the protesters took up the offer." Police were called in by the airline's handling agents, Servisair, but the sit-in ended only when an airport duty manager arrived.

A Greater Manchester Police spokesman confirmed an armed inspector and three armed constables boarded the plane, but said it was current policy for officers at the airport to be armed.

Wickes Air, which represents Worldways in the UK, said: "We deeply regret what has happened." A report would be submitted. The delay was caused by a faulty fuel line and by the time the Tristar aircraft arrived in Manchester it was too late to fly on to Exeter.

● An airline grounded by the Civil Aviation Authority after its parent company went bust has outraged travel agents by continuing to accept bookings (Michael Horsnell writes).

Capital Airlines, which flies from Leeds-Bradford to a variety of destinations, was placed in the hands of the receiver over a month ago but confirmed that the list of 12,000 people holding tickets is growing through the taking of provisional bookings.

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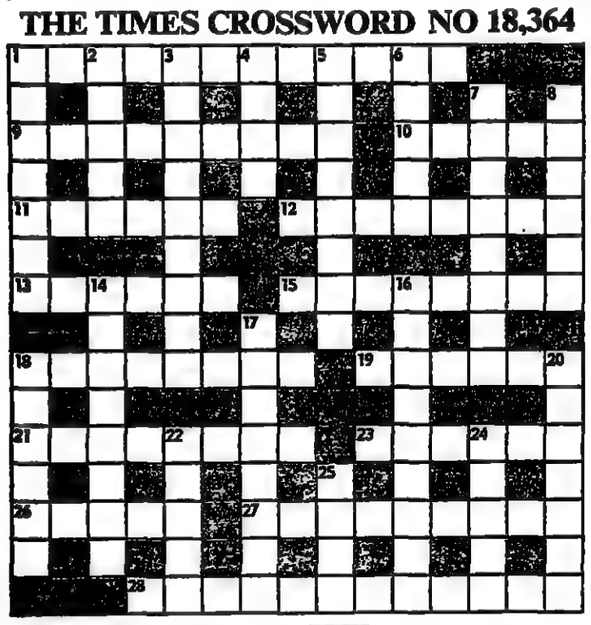
THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,364



ACROSS

1 Well, I never provide illumination (6,1,5).
9 Together without any warning (3,2,4).
10 See captive animal in rope noose (5).
11 Film star in story about a ship (6).
12 The way to draw a blank cheque (4-4).
13 Confinement for women in distress, hard up (6).
15 Men serving in the force, about 500, in an enclosure by Giles's house (8).
18 Crazy about F-flapper — they're not likely to be settled (3,5).
19 Insurrection having begun, restrictions are required to some extent (6).
21 In the groove? It's publicly known (2,6).
23 Animal in naturalist's boat (6).
26 Seafood a shilling a pound (5).
27 One page is involved in the search for information (9).
28 Dickensian character doesn't cry any tears (6,6).

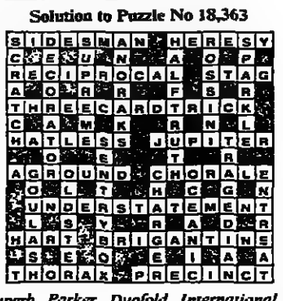
Concise crossword, page 13

DOWN

1 Shell fish reared without potassium (7).
2 The laws of football as played in Perth (5).
3 Aquatic bird needs a pool, say, with disturbed water (9).
4 'abitually stay with a relation, (4).
5 I shout loudly for pudding (3-5).
6 A business perk man is about to share equally (5).
7 Ceased being disturbed about father's irresponsible conduct (8).
8 Charged with being drunk (6).
14 Trophy presented by horseman, we hear, to competitor first on a horse (5,3).
16 State nominates assembly (9).
17 The way to encourage fish (8).
18 Casual reading tops talking (6).
20 In that article, exercise restraint (7).
22 You can get tea from this attendant (5).
24 Film star who portrayed gangsterism and corruption (5).
25 Concluding remarks keep reporter very active (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,358

Solution to Puzzle No 18,363



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KOFTGARI
a. Indian damascene-work
b. A night janitor
c. Honey and sultana sweet

DOCIMASY
a. Teaching by rote
b. Trial by cross-examination
c. Scrutiny of drugs

SNOOL
a. A wimp
b. A pouchlike medieval bonnet
c. To card wool

HUFFER
a. A long roll
b. A publisher's publicist
c. A waterproof waistcoat

Answers on page 13

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The words "That's putting it mildly" were omitted from 21 across in yesterday's puzzle

WEATHER

A weakening cold front is moving south across the country and may bring thundery showers to southern England. However, the south will continue to be very hot in places. The rest of England and Wales will be cooler, but still dry and sunny. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be rather cloudy with some rain in northern and western areas. Outlook: cooler weather moving in from the north, but still dry and sunny.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Majorca	34	93	f
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malta	29	84	c
Algiers	30	86	f	Melb'rne	12	54	f
Amst'dm	32	90	s	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Athens	32	90	s	Miami*	32	90	c
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	28	82	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	27	81	f
Barcelna	33	91	s	Moscow	16	61	f
Belgrade	28	82	s	Munich	28	82	s
Berlin	27	81	s	Nairobi	19	66	c
Bermuda*	30	86	s	Naples	34	93	s
Biarritz	27	81	s	N Delhi	33	91	f
Bonde'x	33	91	s	N York*	28	82	s
Brussels	34	93	s	Nice	32	90	s
Budapst	27	81	f	Oslo	26	79	s
B Aires*	19	66	s	Paris	35	95	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Peking	30	86	c
Cape Tn	13	55	c	Perth	13	55	c
C'blanca	20	68	s	Prague	27	81	s
Chicago*	26	79	s	Reykjvik	12	54	c
Ch'church	7	45	s	Rhodes	31	88	s
Cologne	31	88	s	Rio de J	20	68	c
C'phagn	25	77	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Rome	31	88	s
Dublin	25	77	f	Salzburg	27	81	s
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	S F'nsco*	20	68	s
Faro	33	91	s	Santiago*	21	70	s
Florence	33	91	s	S Paulo*	20	68	s
Frankfurt	31	88	s	Seoul	32	90	s
Funchal	25	77	s	Sing'por	26	79	f
Geneva	29	84	s	St'kholm	27	81	s
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	31	88	s
Helsinki	25	77	s	Sydney	16	61	f
Hong K	-	-	-	Tangier	33	91	s
Innsbrck	27	81	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Istanbul	28	82	s	Tenerife	26	79	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tokyo	31	88	c
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Toronto*	28	82	s
Karachi	-	-	-	Tunis	31	88	f
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	31	88	s
Le Touquet	35	95	f	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
Lisbon	26	79	s	Venice	29	84	s
Locarno	29	84	s	Vienna	26	79	s
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	25	77	f
Luxembg	31	88	s	Wash'ton*	29	84	s
Luxor	41	106	s	Wel'nton	13	55	f
Madrid	30	86	f	Zurich	27	81	s

* denotes Thursday's figures

AROUND BRITAIN

	Rain (hrs)	Rain (in)	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	12.4	-	25	77	sunny
Hunstanton	13.4	-	31	88	sunny
Cromer	13.6	-	26	79	sunny
Lowestoft	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Southend	12.7	-	31	88	sunny
Margate	11.7	-	26	79	sunny
Folkestone	13.4	-	31	88	sunny
Eastbourne	13.4	-	26	79	sunny
Brighton	13.4	-	31	88	sunny
Worthing	13.2	-	29	84	sunny
Bognor Regis	13.6	-	27	81	sunny
Southsea	13.3	-	30	86	sunny
Sandown	13.1	-	26	79	sunny
Bournemouth	13.6	-	31	88	sunny
Poole	13.6	-	31	88	sunny
Swanage	13.4	-	25	77	sunny
Exmouth	13.0	-	26	79	sunny
Teignmouth	13.3	-	23	73	sunny
Falmouth	12.3	-	24	75	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.5	-	25	77	sunny
Jersey	13.5	-	35	95	sunny
Guernsey	13.3	-	32	90	sunny
Newquay	12.6	-	29	84	sunny
Minehead	12.5	-	34	93	sunny
Morecambe	13.1	-	33	91	sunny
Douglas	14.0	-	25	77	sunny
Birmingham	11.7	-	33	91	sunny
Bristol	12.8	-	33	91	sunny
Buxton	12.9	-	31	88	sunny
London	12.9	-	32	90	sunny
Newcastle	13.2	-	31	88	sunny
Anglesey	14.5	-	27	81	sunny
Cardiff	12.8	-	32	90	sunny
Colwyn Bay	12.2	-	34	93	sunny
Aberdeen	12.2	-	26	79	sunny
Aviemore	9.4	-	27	81	sunny
Edinburgh	14.0	-	31	88	sunny
Glasgow	13.3	-	28	82	sunny
Kinloss	4.8	-	28	82	bright
Lerwick	9.3	.01	18	64	sunny
Fraserburgh	13.7	-	29	84	sunny
Tiree	8.1	-	20	68	bright
Wick	9.2	-	23	73	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 8.44 pm to 5.30 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.40 am
Edinburgh 9.15 pm to 5.24 am
Manchester 9.00 pm to 5.31 am
Penzance 9.01 pm to 5.56 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.05	5.8	1.19	6.0
Aberdeen	12.30	3.8	1.11	3.6
Avonmouth	6.37	10.7	7.00	11.3
Bristol	10.29	2.9	10.49	3.2
Cardiff	6.22	10.0	6.45	10.5
Devonport	4.56	4.6	5.26	4.9
Dover	10.43	5.7	11.02	5.7
Falmouth	4.26	4.4	4.56	4.7
Glasgow	12.12	4.1	12.23	3.9
Harwich	11.20	3.4	11.49	3.5
Holyhead	10.07	4.7	10.17	5.0
Hull	5.42	6.3	6.22	6.2
Ilfracombe	5.24	6.3	6.22	6.2
King's Lynn	5.49	5.4	6.27	5.5
Leith	1.49	4.6	2.28	4.7
Liverpool	10.52	7.9	11.07	8.5
Lowestoft	8.45	2.2	9.50	2.1
Margate	11.21	4.2	—	—
Milford Haven	5.41	5.8	6.01	6.0
Newquay	4.34	5.7	4.53	6.1
Oban	5.36	3.2	5.51	3.5
Penzance	3.59	4.6	4.27	4.9
Portland	6.05	1.5	6.38	1.8
Portsmouth	11.03	4.0	11.10	4.1
Shoreham	10.51	5.2	11.05	5.4
Southampton	10.41	3.9	10.43	4.1
Swansea	5.40	7.7	6.02	8.2
Tees	3.04	4.6	3.36	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	11.14	3.6	11.44	3.6

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2806ft.
Times are BST

TODAY — Sun rises: 5.28 am — Sun sets: 8.44 pm — Moon sets: 2.38 am — Moon rises: 7.52 pm — Full Moon August 6

TOMORROW — Sun rises: 5.30 am — Sun sets: 8.42 pm — Moon sets: 3.51 am — Moon rises: 8.16 pm — Full Moon tomorrow

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	19	66c		Guernsey	31	88s	
B'ngham	33	91s		Inverness	20	68c	
Blackpool	28	82s		Jersey	33	91s	
Bristol	31	88s		London	33	91s	
Cardiff	30	86s		M'nchster	31	88s	
Edinburgh	22	72r		Newcastle	32	90s	
Glasgow	19	66r		R'nldsway	21	70s	

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 35C (95F); min 6 pm to 6 am,20C (68F). Humidity: 6 pm, 34 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 12.6 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,020 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth, Hereford & Worcester, 36C (97F); lowest day max: Sumburgh, Shetland, 17C (63F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 0.02 in; highest sunshine: Anglesey, North Wales, 14.5 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 33C (91F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 20C (68F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 12.7hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.7 hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 5.45pm, 10pm and 10.45pm, and tomorrow at 1.30pm

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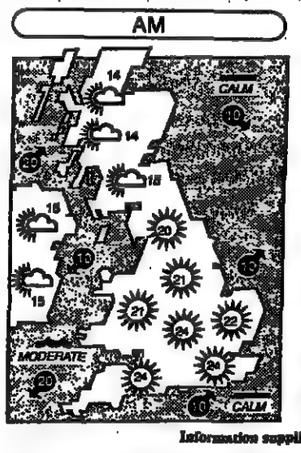

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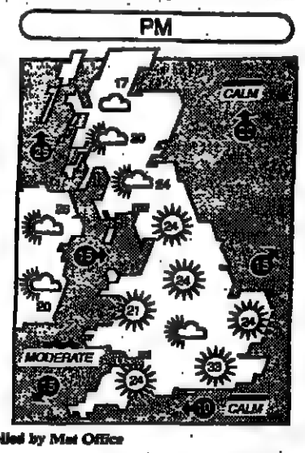

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SUMMARY

Four for the finale

BRITAIN's hopes of success in the individual showjumping at the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm rest with the Whitaker brothers. Michael Whitaker (above) is fifth and John sixth after the first two phases. Only the top four after today's jumping will qualify for the finale tomorrow, when the riders will compete on each other's horses. George Bowman, of Britain, is fifth after the first day of the carriage-driving championshipPage 27

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Double bowl

AMERICAN football in Britain has its double-header of the year this weekend. Today, at Crystal Palace, Manchester Spartans' claim to be the best in Britain is tested by Northants Storm in the Coca-Cola Bowl. Tomorrow, at Wembley, Los Angeles Raiders and New Orleans Saints contest American Bowl '90; their No 1 quarterbacks have been left at home because of pay disputes but there is still almost as much magic Page 26

GOLF

Douglas leads

WITH a second round of 71, Kitrina Douglas (above), of Bristol, holds a one-stroke lead over Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, going into the third round today of the Weetabix British women's Open golf championship at Woburn Page 24

CYCLING

Close finish

MICHEL Dernies, of Belgium, and Robert Millar, of Scotland, are neck and neck at the head of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain cycle race, with two stages remaining, from Bridlington to Newcastle today and from York to the finish in Manchester tomorrow Page 25

CRICKET

Spinning in

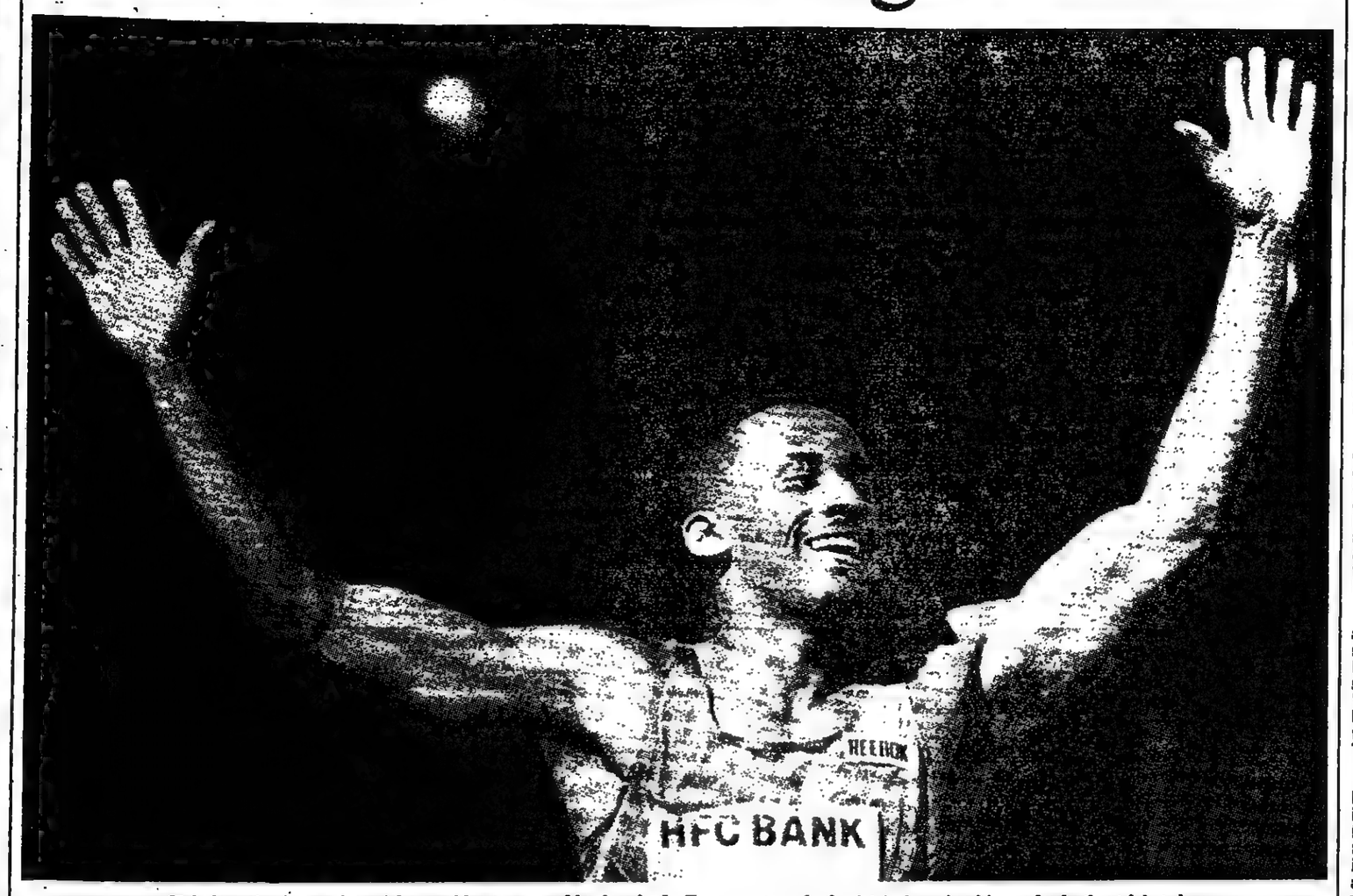
EVEN though they beat India by 247 runs in the record-breaking first Test, England may be tempted to make a change in their team for the second match of the series, at Old Trafford, starting next Thursday. The selectors' have been considering Philip Tufnell (above) and Keith Medlycott as an extra spin ingredient Page 25

RACING

Carson ban

WILLIE Carson had an eventful afternoon at Goodwood yesterday. He received a four-day ban for careless riding after Jimmy Barnie had been disqualified from first place in the opening Molecomb Stakes. Then he had a double on Kawtuban and Almaab, both owned by Hamdan Al-Maktoum Pages 28,29

Adam determined not to be left in starting block



Claiming attention: sprinter Adam seeking to ensure his place in the European team in the AAA championships and selection trials today

By DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

MARCUS Adam, the Commonwealth 200 metres champion, today hopes to avoid the fate which befell Linford Christie a year ago. On the second day of the Panasonic AAA and WAAA championships at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, he attempts to avoid becoming a victim of British sprinting's strength in depth.

It was in these championships last summer that Christie finished third in the 200 metres and failed to gain selection for England at that distance in the Commonwealth Games. The first two — Adam and Ade Mafe, as it turned out — were assured of selection and John Regis, the European indoor champion and European Cup winner that year, was the selectors' choice for the discretionary third place.

So Christie, having won the 100 metres in Auckland, was forced into an observer's role when Adam, Regis and Mafe, in that order, swept up the medals. Adam, at 21, looked a brilliant prospect that day, his 20.10sec, only 0.01sec outside Christie's British record, benefiting from only marginally illegal wind assistance. On his return, Adam became the first Briton for two years to defeat Christie indoors, in the match between Britain and East Germany.

Even more impressive, it seems now, Adam subsequently defeated Michael Johnson in the match against the United States and East Germany. Johnson has become one of the world's foremost athletes this summer, his 19.85sec in the Edinburgh grand prix meeting last month, giving those at altitude in Sestriere next Wednesday every reason to expect a world record from the American.

Meanwhile, Adam, who has yet to make his mark this summer, now regrets his winter conquests over Christie and Johnson. "It was a mistake. I tried to push myself too hard and my body broke down," he said yesterday as he prepared for last night's 100 metres.

Hip and back trouble means that he comes to Birmingham with barely a month's full training behind him and performances in the British grand prix meetings which hardly do him justice.

While he was hoping to book his ticket for the European championships, which begin in Split on August 27, in the shorter sprint, it is the longer one that offers him a realistic chance of challenging for gold.

The AAA and WAAA championships are the British trials for Split and the change in selection policy to guarantee places to winners only, leaving two to the discretion of the selectors, may work to his advantage. Provided he can show today that his 200 metres running is on an upward curve, he should be picked, no matter what Regis, Mafe and Christie do.

"I have not been going well at all this season," Adam admitted. Sixth in the Edinburgh grand prix, in 20.91sec, and third in the grand prix at Crystal Palace in 20.70sec, lend weight to that statement. "I should have taken three weeks off after the Commonwealth Games instead of going on to Melbourne, running there, and then coming back for the indoor season."

He admits to the inexperience of youth: "I had never been injured before and I have learned my lesson. In future I will plan my season better. I have not raced any 300s or 400s, so my speed-endurance is not good. I am okay to 150 metres, but then I start fading. If I can get through this weekend, there should be time for me to get it right by Split."

Phil Brown, the hero of so many great British 4 x 400m relay triumphs, continued his education in the one-lap hurdles, qualifying for the final as runner-up in his heat in a modest 51.34sec.

But, with only the winner of each event being guaranteed selection for the European team, the Birchfield man, who only started to concentrate on tackling the barriers earlier this season, looked to have little chance of being the chosen one.

The best bet for a British victory in the absence of Kriss Akabusi looks like the evergreen Max Robertson, who set out on his quest for a fifth AAA title with a comprehensive 51.11sec win in his heat.

The hot weather might have suited the sprinters, but with temperatures soaring into the nineties, there were no heroics from the Britons aiming to qualify for today's 3,000 metres steeplechase final.

The conditions, though, clearly suited a Kenyan visitor, the little-known Phillip Barkutwo, who carved out a solo win in 8min 27.08sec in the first heat — nearly 20 seconds clear of the field.

● A knee injury has forced Sally Gunnell, the Commonwealth hurdles champion, to pull out of the championships. The 24-year-old Essex runner strained a muscle just above her right knee when warming up for the 400m heats last night.

"It is not too serious, but I just thought I had better pull out as a precaution," she said. Instead, she will sharpen up her speedwork on the flat, — ruling out the possibility of a showdown today with Linda Keough, the Commonwealth silver medal winner, who was the fastest qualifier in 53.20sec.

TODAY'S FINALS

12.30: Women's 5,000 metres walk; men's hammer; men's pole vault. 1.0: Men's 10,000 metres walk. 2.0: men's high jump; men's triple jump. 2.30: Women's discus. 3.20: Men's 400 metres. 3.30: Women's 800 metres. 3.40: Men's 3,000 metres steeplechase. 3.55: Men's 400 metres hurdles. 4.0: Men's long jump; women's javelin; women's shot. 4.05: Women's 200 metres. 4.25: Men's 3,000 metres. 4.40: Women's 400 metres hurdles. 4.50: Men's 200 metres. 5.0: Women's 400 metres. 5.12: Men's 800 metres. 5.20: Men's 1500 metres.

Resilient Hall takes title in show of nerve

CAROLINE Hall, aged 16, from Filton, Bristol, won the English girls' championship at Bolton Old Links and decided that she would not be going to college but would concentrate on golf instead.

But Hall, the second youngest winner of the title, had a tremendous battle before she beat Joanne Hockley, of Felixstow Ferry, at the 20th. She lost the first three holes and was four down after six as Hockley produced a series of birdies.

Hall showed great determination as she fought back but was still two down with two to play. She won both as Hockley wilted under pressure and, after the 19th was halved with birdies, Hall got home when her opponent drove into rough and failed to find the green with her second. It was the climax to a week in which the Bristol girl justified her plus two handicap.

RESULT: Final: C Hall (Filton) bt J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry), 20th.

Wembley to host Hungary

By LOUISE TAYLOR

GRAHAM Taylor will begin his international managerial career with home advantage after the Football Association announced yesterday that England's match with Hungary on Wednesday September 12 had been switched from Budapest to Wembley.

With the Nep stadium in Hungary being unavailable, the FA was concerned that a ground offering laxer security could be less of a deterrent to hooliganism among England followers. As Manchester United are due to visit Pecsi Munkas of Hungary in the first round of the European Cup Winners' Cup three weeks later, any violence could have curtailed England's return to domestic European competition before it had begun.

Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, said: "In view of the delicate situation over security, we feel it would be safer not to go to one of these alternative stadia. We have reached a perfectly amicable agreement with the Hungarians and we will go there when we play them next." That is expected to be late in 1991 or early 1992.

Lawrie McMenemy, Taylor's assistant, and Les Walker, the FA security officer, who travelled to Budapest to look at alternative stadiums, negotiated a transfer to Wembley. An under-21 fixture between the two countries will take place at Southampton on Tuesday September 11.

Taylor said yesterday: "We have worked so hard to get back into Europe, and it is so important for our clubs that we do not want to jeopardise things. The Hungarians are happy because we were always going to play home and away anyway.

"I think it is also important that the FA is not seen to be at odds with the League. We are all football people, working towards the same aims. We put Wembley on stand-by for this eventuality."

Wembley officials were asked last month to keep the stadium free for September 12, and before McMememy and Walker had even boarded a plane to Budapest they had printed 200 VIP match tickets for a Hungary fixture.

"The match is still being arranged at short notice, which means a lot of work for the FA," Taylor said. "It proves the FA is concerned about League clubs.

"Personally, I am pleased to be playing my first match at home. Traditionally, September fixtures at Wembley do not attract the highest crowds, but with England reaching the semi-finals of the World Cup I am hoping this will be an exception."

The other attraction, of course, will be the earliest look at Taylor's first England selection, and Wembley should have a good attendance.

Gaseous problem taxes the Oval

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

As if the last Test match at the Oval were not sufficiently explosive, I hear that a pocket of methane gas has been discovered beneath the Ken Barrington Centre at that atmospheric and determinedly unlovely cricket ground. "The levels are not particularly high, but no one knows how much danger a small amount can cause," Tony King, a director of Eve Construction, who are building the Ken Barrington Centre, said.

The centre, an admirable project for a community centre for the young of a part of London that could do with such things, was to have been opened the day after the last Test by the Queen. But it is behind schedule, and only three of the six floor are in use.

What is the methane doing there? Could it have something to do with the gasholders? It certainly could have been there for years. It has taken six weeks to find where the gas was coming from: but the more urgent problem is how to get rid of the stuff.

Lord's gatecrushers

This column sends fraternal greeting to Sunil Gavaskar, the former Indian cricket captain who refused honorary life membership of the MCC after years of unpleasantness from Lord's stewards. The absolute ghastliness of these people has long been a joke: Gavaskar's polite and (until the story was uncovered by a journo) discreet refusal reveals this as something more. Who has not suffered petty rudeness from these people? When working with Phil Edmonds, the England and Middlesex spinner, on his biography, I put up with it every time we met at Lord's. Phil added a dedication in the book to officials who forbade him entrance to the ground when he was actually playing, Mike Selvey, the former Middlesex and England bowler, not a suit and tie person, probably has the world record for being denied entry to Lord's when he had not only a right but a duty to be there. But as for the Gavaskar Affair: if Lord's alienates as fine a batsman as we are ever likely to see, the fault is with Lord's, not with the batsman. No sport is bigger than the people. All sports are as big — or as small — as the people involved in them.

Mouse that roared

This column remains faithful to all its favourite: so rejoice with me at the news that Julie Krone is back. Krone is, you will recall, the mightily succesful American jockey, a prolific winner and occasional slugger of her male colleagues, a splendid lady standing at 4ft 10in with a voice "like that of a cartoon mouse", according to one writer. She has been out of racing for eight months after breaking her left arm in four places, but she returned last week and naturally, had a winner in her first race, her 1,900th career win. It was the day after her 27th birthday: "I'm so happy," she said. "It's not so much a sense of relief as much as — wow! I can still do it!"

● *The Lord's-engendered row between Bishen Bedi and Sunil Gavaskar has added little but an Indian gloss on the main business. However, it has worried David Frith, the editor of Wisden Cricket Monthly. He has been counting on both men to play on the same side for his Media XI against Tim Hudson's side on the rest day of the Manchester Test next Sunday.*

Sporting prints

This column recently solicited information about renaissance sportspeople: specifically, athletes of serious standard who are or were also painters and sculptors of serious standard. I hear of Ken Taylor, the Yorkshire and England cricketer, also a Huddersfield Town footballer. He studied at Slade and became a profesional cartoonist. Ron Davies, footballer for Southampton, Portsmouth and Wales, was, I gather, "an accomplished cartoonist". Bobby Kellard, of many football clubs, was a watercolourist. Adam Robson, capped 20 times for Scotland at rugby in the Fifties, has exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy. Philip Backer, 13 years a National Hunt jockey, is a sculptor, and made the bronze of Red Rum at Aintree. But the cream of the collection, at least in artistic terms, is Maurice Vlaminck, 1876-1958, member of Les Fauves, the group which included Matisse and Derain. I learn that Vlaminck was a weight-lifter and a professional racing cyclist. He wrote, and played the violin as well. There's a real sporting polymath for you. Thanks to John A Eteson, Martin Woolley, John Milne and Frank Humphries for the info.

No room at the top

I am staggered to hear that 41 people stood on the top of Everest in the course of the spring climbing season this year. Of these, 20 were members of the Peace Expedition, a joint effort between China, the Soviet Union and the United States. One of these was the first Soviet woman to do so. The season also produced the first Belgian ascent (how do Belgians learn about mountains?) and the first Swedish ascent. The mountain also gave its traditional grudging welcome to Peter Hillary, son of Sir Edmund. It is the first time a father and son have both climbed the big hill. However, even this was overshadowed by Sherpa Ang Rig, who had, before spring, climbed the mountain five times. He was in jail for allegedly killing a Tibetan, was bailed out by Spanish climbers, and went straight out and climbed the mountain for the sixth time. That is another record, and one that will take a good deal of beating.

Thousands of eager boys and girls each year are coming into an unprepared and unwelcoming golfing world

But where will they all play?

COMMENT

P.B. 'LADDIE' LUCAS

Soon Hunstanton, and Norfolk's North Sea breezes, will be testing the teenagers of golf in the boys' amateur championship, starting on August 13. A week later, it will be the turn of Southerness, on the northern shore of the Solway Firth, to provide a degree examination for the youths in their international tournament.

Let no one doubt the impact which Nick Faldo's marvellous run will be having upon these two contests. Faldo, with one of the toughest minds golf has ever known, has set a mark for young players to aim for, just as Henry Cotton did for my generation nearly 60 years ago.

No change in my golfing lifetime has been more pronounced than the advance which has overtaken the junior game in Britain.

To appreciate the extent of the development and the reasons behind it, it is really necessary to have seen things at first hand in the 1920s and 1930s.

I was specially placed to do so. Aged six at the time, I saw Walter Hagen win the Open at St George's, Sandwich, in 1922: at least, I saw him play the last five magical holes of his fourth round, for that was all that my father would allow me to watch.

The same summer, across the way at Prince's, my young eyes were mesmerised by a 20-year-old girl named Joyce Wethered, with a golf swing which has never been surpassed, as she overwhelmed my hero, Cecil Leitch, by nine and seven in the 36-hole final of the British ladies' championship, and set a standard in women's golf.

A couple of evenings before that tournament, Miss Leitch had asked me to play seven holes with her at Prince's after tea — four out and three back. She went off the men's tees and I off the ladies'. She gave me two strokes at the long holes and one each at the short. The result was academic. I had discovered another world.

When I was growing up, golf at school — with rare exceptions — was discouraged. "A selfish game," they said. Even at Stowe, which has always had its own nine-hole golf course and been proud of its golfing record, I encountered an unexpected obstacle. Having played, by then, four times in the boys championship without success, I was looking forward eagerly to Carnoustie and my fifth and last, dying chance of victory.

The master-in-charge of cricket, a former Oxford "blue", put his foot firmly down at the start of the summer term. "No golf for you this term," he said with a finality which brooked no protest. "It's bad for your batting. Besides, you're captain of the XI and should set an example."

My spirits sagged. With little more than a fortnight from the end of term to the start of the championship, our Scottish adversaries, who had been playing golf relentlessly all through the summer, started with a killing advantage.

It was reflected in those days in the results. From 1921 to 1939, the boys' championship was held 19 times. On 11 occasions, a Scot prevailed. Add to that a victory apiece for Ireland and the United States, where they do not seem to have much time for cricket, and England was left trailing.

Good though a lot of the boys were, few turned pro in those days. The money was not there to tempt them.

At Hunstanton shortly, things will be quite different. A dozen English boys, hardened by playing competitive golf virtually full time throughout the spring and summer — much of it at senior level — will reckon they are in with an even money chance of winning. Several of the good ones will already be regarding the championship as a likely stepping stone to a profession in the game.

A senior international cap in a year or two and then, maybe, a place in a Walker Cup side against the United States, and in they will jump at the deep end to strike out for gold. Mostly they will drown, for between the amateur and the professional codes there is a gaping abyss which their games will not prove sound enough to bridge.

Why, then, has it all changed in these last 40 years or so? The reasons can be shortly stated.

1. *Attitude*: Golf is no longer a game (in England) just for the fortunately placed. It is now a classless society which goes right across the social board. The Golf Foundation, a charity with a brilliant concept, has linked arms with the Professional Golfers' Association to bring the game, through its teaching classes, to thousands of the young — girls as well as boys — in the schools of Britain, in both the public and the private sectors of education.

2. *Teaching*: There will be few bad grips and stances to be seen at Hunstanton in the boys' championship, for the game is now incomparably better taught than it was in my day. I saw John Jacobs, former Ryder Cup player and captain, teaching a somewhat recalcitrant boy of 12 one time at the Sandown Park Golf Centre. "Now come along," he said firmly to the boy, "you know what to do. Imagine you're sitting up nicely on your pony. Then it's back to the hole, front to the hole, and swing your arms up and down...Two turns and a swish...But don't forget to swish!"

There never was a simpler golfing concept for a child. And isn't that, in the simplicity, *exactly* the impression Ian Woosnam gives when he hits a golf ball?

3. *Television*: Jacobs, who does not believe in over-teaching the young ("Let me see a boy or a girl twice a year; that's quite enough, provided there is continuity in the teaching"), will tell you that the way for children to learn to play golf is by imitation — by imitating naturally the movement and rhythm of the great and the good. In the inter-war years, few among the young ever got the chance of seeing the heroes of the day close to. Now, the television and the video have changed all that.

They are bringing daily to youthful and admiring eyes the likes of Ballesteros, Faldo, Woosnam, Jacklin and the rest. And what benefits accrue from it!

4. *The golf ball*: Young players today are reared and nurtured on the large 1.68in diameter ball with all the manifest advantages in method and striking which this brings. Persevering with the small, 1.62in diameter ball for years after the United States had switched, in 1932, to the present large version, set back British and European golf for a generation.

One cloud alone hangs over the young's golfing scene. It won't much affect those who will be battling for honours at Hunstanton and Southerness. But it is an undeniable obstacle for the thousands of boys and girls who, on leaving school, will be looking for places to play.

The private golf clubs are often full with long waiting lists, and, anyway, the dues are too high for those setting out on a career. The public courses are crowded from dawn to dusk at weekends. The comprehensive golf centres, with their floodlit driving ranges, pitch-and-putt, par 3 and conventional-length 9- or 18-hole courses — by far the most suitable medium for the pay-to-play, open-to-all sector — are too few, and not understood.

Twenty-five years ago, when I was president of the Golf Foundation, I made a speech at an annual general meeting about the 20,000 boys and girls whom the organisation was then bringing into the game each year. Henry Longhurst was present. "All very good," he wrote in the *Sunday Times* the next week, "but where are they all going to play?"

The question is even more pertinent today. Unless there is a resolute approach to the problem by the planning authorities, and a more understanding attitude adopted by the conservationists, the position will grow far worse.

This underscores the importance of the initiative which Nick Faldo and his colleagues are taking in negotiating with local authorities for sites on which to build driving ranges and associated nine-hole courses. The expanding game needs such facilities. I hope the Sports Council will encourage the concept.

Were I still a member of the House of Commons, I would put a question down on the Order Paper to the Minister for Sport. I would ask him whether his attention had been drawn to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club's specially-commissioned survey *The Demand for Golf* and the need for 700 new golf courses; what further advice the Department of the Environment was giving to the planning authorities to encourage the attainment of this target; and whether he would make a statement?

There would be a kick in my supplementary!

"While acknowledging, Mr Speaker, the Government's efforts to see suitable land freed for golfing development, would not my Hon Friend agree that much more will have to be done if the 25,000 boy and girls, whom the Golf Foundation will be bringing into the game each year between now and the end of the century, are to find places to play at prices which they can afford?

"And would he not further agree that, far from impairing the principle of conservation, imaginatively-constructed golf courses can actually enhance the environment?"

P.B. "Laddie" Lucas, a wing commander in the RAF during the Second World War and a Conservative MP from 1950 to 1959, is a former boys' golf champion, Walker Cup captain, and member of the Sports Council.

ROWING

Cracknell's early rate is decisive at finish

From MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, AIGUEBELETTE, FRANCE

JUBILATION was apparent among British supporters at the World junior championships after yesterday's semi-finals when the British men's team ended the day with all but one of their sweep-oared crews in today's finals.

With the eight and the coxed pair safely through on Thursday, it was the turn of the coxless four, the coxed four, and the coxless pair to progress to the final six and both the fours succeeded.

A final place was expected for the coxless four, the leading British boat with the 1989 gold medal winner, Gregory Searle, on board, but the manner of their win was again majestic.

James Cracknell, the stroke, maintained a rate of 39 for well over a minute and 500 metres was covered in a remarkable 1min 26.06sec in still conditions. At the half distance the British were five seconds clear of the chasing pack, unusual at this level of competition. The British then relaxed, dropping the rate to 30 as they approached the finish.

An hour later the coach, Paul Wright, was already working out today's plan, clearly worried by Romania who were again rowing within themselves in the other semi-final. His crew's approach will be one of "containment" with extra effort at chosen race points.

The coxed four stroked by Simon Rey, of Hampton, produced a very different race approach. Selected as the No. 4 boat after trials, the crew was regarded as possible finalists but gave hopes of a medal placing yesterday.

Lying fifth after 500 meters, they overtook Poland to contest the lead with Romania, West Germany and Yugoslavia in the closing stages of the best race of the day, snatching the third place by feet from the Yugoslavs who had two exhausted crew members removed to a safety boat.

Honour in defeat came for the coxless pair of Austin Ambrose and John Warnock who have rowed together for three years with City of Cambridge. Chosen as the "spare men" for the team on the understanding that they would substitute for any other crews with problems, the duo came within a whisker of reaching the finals themselves.

As underdogs, their plan was to give everything in the first half and, at 1,500 metres, they were just holding third place from Bulgaria. The closing stages proved too much and with tiredness causing erratic steering, they virtually stopped in the last few strokes as the Bulgarians slipped past.

Bruce Grainger, the international performance director, stated earlier this season his intention to achieve a junior sculling world medal within five years. The performances of the quad and double in France might give hope for success before 1994.

RESULTS: Qualifiers: Men's Coxed Fours: First semi-final: 1, Italy 6:30.06; 2, France 6:30.49; 3, Czechoslovakia 6:31.17. Second semi-final: 1, Romania 6:25.87; 2, West Germany 6:26.14; 3, Britain 6:26.66. Men's double sculls: First semi-final: 1, Italy 6:39.55; 2, France 6:46.04; 3, Soviet Union 6:47.04; 4, Britain 6:54.60. Second semi-final: 1, East Germany; 2, West Germany; 3, Norway, no times taken. Men's coxless pairs: First semi-final: 1, Italy 6:51.05; 2, Soviet Union 6:55.12; 3, Bulgaria 6:59.92; 4, Britain 7:03.66. Second semi-final: 1, Yugoslavia 6:53.98; 2, East Germany 6:57.19; 3, West Germany 7:03.06. Men's coxless fours: First semi-final: 1, East Germany 6:18.22; 2, Czechoslovakia 6:20.42; 3, Romania 6:21.26. Second semi-final: 1, Britain 6:15.81; 2, Uruguay 6:17.93; 3, Australia 6:18.50. Men's quad sculls: First semi-final: 1, East Germany 5:57.45; 2, Czechoslovakia 6:03.85; 3, Soviet Union 6:04.55; 5, Great Britain 6:06.24. Second semi-final: 1, Italy 6:1.73; 2, Poland 6:5.67; 3, West Germany 6:06.45.

The Great Britain men's eight, men's coxed pair and women's coxless four had already qualified.

The leading lady of Woburn is a golfer modelled (and remodelled) on Faldo and with a power about to flower

A swinging day at the office

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

KITRINA Douglas yesterday edged towards her ambition to win the Weetabix British Women's Open when she scored a 71 in the second round on the Duke's course at Woburn Golf and Country Club.

Douglas has a halfway aggregate of 140, six under par, although as far as her aspirations are concerned it is her dedicated and blinkered approach to the game that suggests she can fulfil her objective.

In many respects Douglas can be compared to Nick Faldo. She came to the game at the relatively late age of 17 and she immediately accepted that there could be no substitute for hard work.

Douglas possessed an innate talent, as detected by the former Walker Cup player, Gordon Cosh, who, on seeing her strike her first shot, recommended that she should consider a career in the game.

So Douglas, supported by her father, took one year off from school, during which time the ten-hour session on the practice range became commonplace. Her disciplined approach enabled her to ignore other distractions and concentrate on improving her game.

That endeavour was rewarded in 1982 when she became the British amateur champion, since when Douglas has maintained her allegiance to the practice range. Even now she is consistently the last player to leave the golf club.

"I don't know Nick Faldo but I would like to think we are very similar in the way we approach the game," Douglas said. "I treat golf as a profession. It's like going to the office. I take my lunch breaks, then I return to work. If that means working until dusk, then I accept it. This is not the best I'm going to be."

In similar fashion to Faldo, she has worked on a swing change over the last two years. Her David Leadbetter is Ian Watts, from her home town of Bristol, and, like Faldo, Douglas has had to accept low moments while going through the remodelling process. "The old faults occasionally creep back in but generally the swing is getting better and better," Douglas said.

She went 29 holes in this tournament before making an error by taking three putts at the 12th, although she was more disappointed with the six she marked on her card at the 17th, where her drive finished in the trees.

That reduced her lead to one over Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, whose best performance as a professional was to have reached the semi-finals of the matchplay championship. Alfredssson might have overtaken Douglas if she had not followed a run of three successive birdies with a seven at the 14th, where she was in the trees and a bunker. She finished with a 71.

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France, is an obvious threat after a 70 for 142, but Muffin Spencer Devlin found herself concerned only by survival after starting with a nine caused by two out-of-bounds drives. She dropped a shot at each of the next three holes, and two at the short sixth, but finished with a 81 for 152, with which she avoided the guillotine.

LEADING SCORES: 140: K Douglas, 69, 71. 141: H Alfredsson (Swe), 70, 71. 142: L Wen-Lin (Taiwan), 73, 69; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), 72, 70. 143: D Lofland (US), 73, 70; M Bleckwelder (US), 73, 70. 144: P Sinn (US), 70, 74. 145: C Panton, 74, 71; D Barnard, 75, 70; T Johnson, 71, 74. 146: D Reid 76, 70; T Luckhurst (US), 74, 72. 147: M Estill (US), 77, 70; M Burton, 72, 75; S Shapcott, 72, 75; A Shapcott, 73, 74; T Fernando (Sri Lanka), 74, 73; L Mantz (SA), 71, 76; G Stewart, 74, 73. 148: L Mills (US), 74, 75; J Morley*, 74, 75; A Odos (Peru), 76, 73; J Connachan, 74, 75. 150: S Morgan*, 75, 75; J Lawrence, 73, 77; C Doffy, 76, 74; M Sugimoto (Japan), 75, 74; S Strudwick, 79, 71; A Nicholas, 75, 75.

*Denotes amateur.

ANTHONY PHELPS

Bunker hot-shot: Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France, explodes from the sand before posing a threat with a 70

Selectors satisfied with the final left by vanishing seeds

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE English amateur championship has produced the final at Woodhall Spa today which the selectors might have nominated, in secret of course, once all four seeds had vanished from the bottom half of the draw.

Gary Evans, from Worthing, the one remaining seed and already joint holder of the English strokeplay championship, is pitted over 36 holes against Ian Garbutt, of Wheatley, last year's boys champion and captain. Evans, aged 21, beat Lee Yearn, of Ely City, 3 and 1 in one semi-final, and Garbutt, aged only 18, beat Liam White, of Wollaton Park, 3 and 1 in the other.

Garbutt was in dazzling form either side of lunch. He won the last six holes of the morning against the luckless Mark Dove, from Broadway, five with birdies, and six of the first seven holes of the afternoon against poor White. Thereafter, White put up a show of resistance and broke his duck at the long 9th (560 yards), where he was near the green in two for a winning birdie. Garbutt won the 10th to go six up again, but surrendered the next two holes, driving in to the forest at the 11th and taking three putts at the next from a long way down the green.

White took three putts in turn at the 13th to leave Garbutt five up with five to play. He could get only one back before the door closed on him at the 15th.

The left-handed Yearn defended sturdily against Evans and, although he was never ahead, nor was he ever more than one hole down until the 16th.

Over-compensating for a tendency to hook in the morning, he pushed his tee-shots and at the 3rd, a difficult little pitch from the rough over a bunker defied his attempt to get up and down. He made good that lapse with a pitching wedge to three feet for a birdie at the 4th.

Thereafter, they slugged it out through the sweltering afternoon, Evans twice more establishing and losing the lead before going away from his opponent at the 15th.

Yearn hit loose shots, with short irons, too, to the 15th and 16th greens and, although he struck a good second in to the 17th, the ball unluckily ran on into a bunker.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: L Yearn (Ely City) bt O Thomson (Sand Moor), 1 hole; G Evans (Worthing) bt Sutton (Canterbury Heath), 3 and 2; L White (Wollaton Park) bt A Durlin (Three Rivers), 1 hole; I Garbutt (Wheatley) bt M Dove (Broadway), 5 and 3. Semi-finals: Evans bt Yearn, 3 and 1; Garbutt bt White, 4 and 3.

Hot pace Rafferty keeps well in front

From a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MALMÖ

RONAN Rafferty created his own heat wave here yesterday when he reached the halfway stage of the PLM Open with a total of 131, 13 under par.

His assault on the Bokskogens parkland course took 67 strokes and gave him a three-shot lead. Only Colin Montgomerie, in Florence, and Richard Boxall, in Monza, have this season returned lower totals for the first two rounds.

Ove Sellberg, of Sweden, who has won major tournaments in Britain, Spain and Belgium, but not in his own country, could well become a national hero this weekend.

The 30-year-old from Stockholm who is another disciple of David Leadbetter, defeated Ian Woosnam to take the Belgian title in May. He compiled a 66 in the 96° of a scorching afternoon when he also had to contend with the expectations of his enthusiastic countrymen.

Sellberg threw down his challenge with five birdies in an outward 31 after starting at the tenth. Then he got within two shots of Rafferty birdies at the fourth and sixth. He lost a stroke by driving out of bounds on the next, which left him three behind, but three ahead of Frank Nobilo, of New Zealand, and Fredrik Lindgren, a local player.

Rafferty's best work, as on the first day, was in the first six holes. He had birdies at four of them, sinking a trio of twelve-foot putts and pitching within two feet of the twelfth flag.

Victory tomorrow would be a stimulating send-off for the Irishman for his campaign at the US PGA championship at Shoal Creek next week.

Wayne Stephens, of Jersey, will probably never play in the US, but he will always remember his first major tournament, the 1989 Open at Troon, where he led the first round with a 66.

Glory soon turned to disillusion when at the end of the season his management company went bankrupt costing him around £20,000. Stephens had to sell his car and give thanks to his parents for settling the rest of his liabilities. A knee operation to repair a loose cartilage has been a recurring problem this season.

Stephens shot 80 in the first round here and considered withdrawing, because of his painful left knee. But with his first shot of his second round, using a seven-iron, he he holed in one at the tenth. The stroke won him a £14,000 Volvo car. It was the 23rd hole in one on this simmering European season.

SECOND ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ire unless stated): 131: R Rafferty 64, 67. 134: O Sellberg (Swe) 68-66. 137: F Lindgren (Swe) 68-69; F Nobilo (NZ) 67-70. 138: J Berendt (Arg) 72-66; M Hogberg (Swe) 68-70; J van de Velde (Fra) 68-70. 139: J Hurning (I) 68; J Rozadilla (Sp) 70-69; H Clark 70-69; C Cookson (US) 68-71. 140: B Ogle (Aus) 72-68; B Langer (WG) 72-68; M Ferry (Fra) 71-69; J Pinsent 71-69; R Davis (Aus) 70-70; R Drummond 69-71; V Singh (Fiji) 69-71; D Williams 69-71; S Torrance 69-71; M Mouland 68-72; D Miljevic (Can) 67-73. 141: D Gilford 73-68; S Richardson 73-68; J Hawkesworth 71-70; B Hughes (Aus) 71-70; S Luna (Sp) 71-70; G J Brand 71-70; P Dahlberg (Swe) 70-71; M Davis 70-71; R Bos (Neth) 70-71; P Hall 70-71; V Fernandez (Arg) 69-72; M Gronberg (Swe) 69-72; G J Turner (NZ) 69-72; A Hare 69-72; W Henry 69-72; K Thimble (Aus) 69-72; P Teravainen (US) 69-72; C Platts 68-73. 142: J Howell (US) 73-69; J Morgan 73-69; R Chapman 73-69; B Longmuir 72-70; A Binaghi (It) 72-70; P Carman 72-70; P Walton 72-70; P Broadhurst 71-71; W Grant 71-71; D J Russell 71-71; G Lesher (US) 70-72; F Couples (US) 70-72; S Hasell 69-73; T Nilsson (Swe) 69-74.

Thomson in final at first attempt

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MIKE Thomson, aged 35, who is playing in the event for the first time, will meet the international, Craig Everett, in the 36-hole final of the J & B Scottish Amateur Championship at Gullane today.

For Thomson, the final will be the first of a memorable sporting double. He plays sweeper for the East of Scotland football side, Gala Fairydean, who are due to meet Rangers in a friendly next week.

"I think the prospect of playing against Mo Johnston and Mark Hateley will be the more nerve wracking of the two," Thomson, who owns a sports shop in Melrose, said after beating Paul Blaikie, a Scottish-born South African, 2 and 1 in the rain-soaked semi-finals.

Thomson, the winner of the Borders championship last year, has only just got his handicap down to scratch. Indeed, he was balloted out of the Amateur championship at nearby Muirfield in June when he was playing off one.

He was never behind in his two matches yesterday, winning three of the first four holes on the way to beating the Walker Cup player, Jim Milligan, 3 and 2 and never looking back after having won the opening hole against Blaikie.

Everett, aged 22 of Cambuslang, staged a remarkable recovery to beat Andrew Coltart, his playing partner in the Scottish team, at the 20th in the other semi-final. He was four down at the turn, Coltart having covered the outward nine in a fine 32, three-under-par, but birdied three of the last six holes to draw level, holing from 25 feet at the last, before clinching victory with another birdie at the second extra hole.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Thomson (Melrose) bt J Milligan (Baraside) 3 and 2; P Blaikie (Royal Cape) bt G Jack (Carnoustie) at 20th; C Everett (Cambuslang) bt S Teynham (Morpeth) one hole; A Coltart (Thornhill) bt G Hay (Hilton Park) one hole. Semi-finals: Thomson bt Blaikie 2 and 1; Everett bt Coltart at 20th.

A youthful finale for Welsh title decider

By CHRIS SMART

ANDREW Jones, aged 19, and Andrew Barnett, 20, who both make their international debuts in the autumn, will contest the 36-hole final of the Welsh amateur championship at Prestatyn today.

Tournament officials breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as, after a week of surprises, two top players survived the heat to set up a potentialy close finale.

Barnett defeated John McLoughlin by three and two; while Jones, a member of the Wrexham club, got home two and one against Michael Calvert.

Barnett started brightly, winning the first two holes with successive birdies, and he never looked back. Jones was two down to Calvert after four holes, but won the fifth and sixth to square the match. For a while it was neck-and-neck, but Jones forged ahead with a birdy three at the 15th and then took the 16th after Calvert failed to make par.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Calvert (Copt Heath) bt F Macfarlan (Ashbourne), at 20th; A V Jones (Wrexham) bt C Platt (Padeswood & Buckley), 4 and 3; A J Barnett (Royal St David's) bt A G Marsden (Rhuddlan), 3 and 2; J J McLoughlin (Padeswood & Buckley) bt S Gardina (Hawarden), at 19th. Semi-finals: Jones bt Calvert 2 and 1; Barnett bt McLoughlin 3 and 2.

● Lisa Dermott, aged 18, from St Melyd, won the Welsh girls' championship for the third consecutive year at Padeswood and Buckley yesterday with a convincing 6 and 4 victory over Nicola Stroud, 17, of Dinas Powis.

WELSH SENIOR TEAM (for home international series at Hunstanton on September 5 to 7): J Baker (Royal Porthcawl), L Isherwood (Royal Porthcawl), H Lawson (Bull Bay), S Mountford (Tenby), A Perkins (Bargoed), S Roberts (Nefyn), Llandudno), V Thomas (Pennard), H Wadsworth (Royal Cinque Ports, Deal). Non-travelling reserves: N Stroud (Dinas Powis), S Thomas (Prestatyn). Non-playing captain: P Valentine (Wrexham).

Place for Bairstow

DAVID Bairstow, the wicket-keeper, aged 38, who cannot find a place in Yorkshire's first or second cricket elevens in his testimonial year, has agreed to captain the Yorkshire Exiles in their one-day match against the county at the Scarborough Festival on September 6.

O'Sullivan signed

WARRINGTON have signed the Australian rugby league half back, Chris O'Sullivan, aged 30, from Canberra Raiders. O'Sullivan, who had a spell with Oldham two seasons ago, has signed a one-year contract with the Wilderspool club.

Nelson title bout

THE British cruiserweight boxing champion, Johnny Nelson, is to meet Taoufik Belbouli, of France, by September 5 for the vacant European title after it was relinquished by Anaclet Wamba.

Prize city

Birmingham has won the European City of Sport for All title.

What can the matter be with Ballesteros?

From PATRICIA DAVIES IN MEMPHIS

PEOPLE are beginning to ask what is wrong with Severiano Ballesteros, once the world's most exciting and successful golfer, who was yesterday struggling to make the cut in the Federal Express St Jude Classic at the Tournament Players' Club at Southwind, near Memphis.

After the 9th, he was three over par and a long way behind Larry Silveira, the unexpected leader. Silveira, a young Californian who lives in Arizona, had a course record 62, nine under par, on Thursday, and had moved to 11-under after nine holes yesterday.

Having won only once this season, long ago and far away, in Majorca, and missed the cut in the Open at St Andrews, Ballesteros lacks the sparkle of old. Here, certainly, he has been worse than ordinary on the greens, missing six-foot birdie chances he would once have regarded as gimmes. In the second round, having made life difficult with a first-round 74, three over par, he nearly holed a seven-iron for an eagle-two at the 1st. That piece of inspiration was followed by three bogeys, and five over par had no chance of qualifying. By the turn, Ballesteros had recovered to three over par, but level par looked borderline, since 68 players broke par on the first day and only 70 make the cut.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 62: L Silveira. 66: B Gardner, R Fehr, N Price (Zim), C Beck. 68: D Canipe, M Lye, L Roberts, M Brooks, T Byrum, P Persons. 69: D Rummells, R Stewart, L Janzen, B Estes, H Green. 68: E Edwards, W Andrade, C Pavin, P Trosser, P Burke, S LaMontagne, D A Weibring, J D Blake, B Easterwood, J Thorpe, L Ten Brock, B Fabel. 69: D Eichelberger, M Wiese, T Simpson, F Zoeller, L Clements, D Frost (SA), J Mahaffey, C Strange, J Cook, P Blackmar, L Mize, M Adcock, G Bruchner, J Day, C Cooper. 70: M Smith, J Gallagher, W Hertzelman, B R Brown, R Tway, I Baker-Finch (Aus). Other scores: 74: S Ballesteros (Sp).

Tour match peters out in a disappointing draw after Surrey set testing target

Indians decline to take bait

By Ivo Tennant

THE OVAL (final day of three): Surrey drew with the Indians

LEFT to score 351 in a minimum of 65 overs, the Indians soon reasoned that too much was being asked of them. In that they were without their captain, Azharuddin, and Kapil Dev, to name but two match-winners, they were probably right. Yet this did not excuse their timidity, nor prevent sporadic bursts of slow hand-clapping well before the end.

They began competently enough. Raman and Mongia put on 94 in 23 overs, summarily dealing with Gray. Once the partnership was broken, it was a different matter. In choosing not to send in Vengsarkar, the Indians made their intentions quite evident.

Surrey had continued their second innings until lunch. Clinton hit 74, although Stewart, to the second ball of the day, Ward, through turning a flighted leg break into a yorker, and Lynch, aiming to square cut, all floundered in the pursuit of quick runs. It was Greig, striking the spinners in his clean, upright fashion, who played the one exhilarating innings of the day. There were five sixes in his unbeaten 76, struck with abandon in an arc between mid-wicket and long-off from 65 balls.

He asked the Indians to score at nearly six an over and, for so long as Gray was on, they did exactly that. His first six overs went for 36. If Raman is not a regular member of the Indians' Test side on account of a weakness in playing the away swinger, which means he is in celebrated company, there is no doubting his ability to drive on the up and to square cut.

From one Feltham over he took two classy fours, each time flourishing his bat as if berating those of the opinion that, for all his runs, he will not be in contention for a Test place next week. He made 58 before pushing tentatively at Kendrick's left-arm spin and being caught at silly point. The pitch remained, however, essentially one which promoted stroke play.

Perhaps Manjrekar and More were aware of this when they left the field at a great lick at the end, as if to pre-empt further slow handclapping from the members. The Indians were 184 runs adrift of their target.


ALISTAIR GRANT

In full flow: Greig, the Surrey captain, looks to pull in typically aggressive fashion during his unbeaten innings 76 at the Oval yesterday

SURREY: First innings 384 for 7 dec (G S Clinton 97, M A Lynch 94, A J Stewart 82)

Second innings

G S Clinton c sub b Shastri	74
N F Sargeant c Raman b Hirwani	18
†A J Stewart lbw b Shastri	22
D M Ward b Hirwani	28
M A Lynch c Manjrekar b Hirwani	3
*I A Greig not out	76
M A Feltham c Vengsarkar b Hirwani	5
K T Medlycott not out	15
Extras (b 2, lb 9, nb 3)	14
Total (6 wkts dec)	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-98, 3-149, 4-149, 5-170, 6-180

BOWLING: Sharma 3-0-7-0, Wasson 4-0-19-0, Shastri 27.3-5-80-2, Hirwani 15-0-71-4, Kumble 3-0-15-0, Raju 10-1-52-0

INDIA: First innings: 289 for 9 dec (W V Raman 127, D B Vengsarkar 55)

Second innings

W V Raman c sub b Kendrick	58
N Mongia c Feltham b Kendrick	41
S V Manjrekar not out	52
K S More not out	12
Extras (lb 1, nb 3)	4
Total	(2 wkts) 167

R J Shastri, D B Vengsarkar, S Sharma, N Hirwani, A Kumble, A Wasson, V Raju, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-94, 2-111

BOWLING: Gray 9-0-41-0; Feltham 4-0-20-0; Medlycott 24-7-55-0; Kendrick 20-5-50-2.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and P B Wight

Extra spinner is now vital

By Alan Lee,
Cricket Correspondent

VICTORY at Lord's, achieved by bowling out India twice while losing only eight wickets in the match themselves, may be all the justification England's selectors feel they need to retain the same balance, and the same players, when the Cornhill series resumes at Old Trafford next Thursday.

Whether or not this is the right thing to do is another matter.

Tampering with a winning combination will not come easily either to Graham Gooch or Micky Stewart but the fact remains that the team they selected at Lord's does not give them their best chance of beating India again and is uninformative on some important issues for the winter business in Australia, for which the selectors are sifting through replies to their 43 availability cards.

If they persist with the selection of only four bowlers, England will rightly point out that they were sufficient for the job at Lord's. What this overlooks, however, is that there was no need for a sixth specialist batsman. John Morris had time to make four not out in the first innings and did not bat in the second. Jack Russell, whose Test average is 33, did not get in at all.

It will require either a rogue pitch or an epidemic of suicidal strokes for England's batting to be seriously embarrassed by this modest Indian attack and if they are looking to win another game, rather than simply guard against losing, a fifth bowler simply must make sense.

If this is agreed, Gooch's instincts will almost certainly tend towards another seam bowler, presumably the much tried DeFreitas but, on the prevailing dry pitches and against adventurous right-handed stroke makers, it would be far more useful to include a left-arm spinner, turning the ball away from the bat.

Assuming the selecters follow the thinking thus far, their debate is then likely to concern Keith Medlycott and Philip Tufnell, both chirpy young Londoners still essentially at the spin bowler's learning stage but either one of them capable of influencing a match, as their volume of first-class wickets this season (106 between them already) would indicate.

Morris, demonstrably, has done nothing to merit being abruptly ejected and should remain in the party, his credentials for Australia having already been diligently presented. But the only way he could play, with a fifth bowler included, is at the expense of either Smith or Lamb if the selectors should feel that these two are certainties to tour and Morris has a bit to prove. Test appearances these days being worth rather more than a cap, sweater and pocket money, however, neither man is likely to volunteer for a rest.

Possible England 12: G Gooch, M Atherton, D Gower, A Lamb, R Smith, J Morris, R Russell, C Lewis, P Tufnell, E Hemmings, A Fraser, D Malcolm.

CYCLING

A lot of hot work sees top two stay in the same place

By Peter Bryan

A COMBINATION of another hot day, with temperatures of 37C registered in the Lincolnshire wolds, and the prospect of two hard days of racing this weekend, produced little inspired riding in yesterday's fourth stage of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain.

Their effort effected no important changes overall, with Michel Dernies, of Belgium, still wearing yellow but sharing the same leading time with Robert Millar.

Riders had a flat 89-mile route to cover from Sheffield to Hull but, after what has become the customery opening shot from Koen Vekemans, of Belgium, who took his third daily Wincanton sprint in succession, there was a minimum of immediate action or excitement.

Before the race had been on the road for an hour, a truce appeared to have been struck which put riders in no danger of being left behind as they eased the speed to collect extra bottles of drink for their colleagues from the following team cars.

Heeding requests made the previous day, officials thoughtfully arranged to have hosepipes directed at riders along the way to help keep down their body temperatures in the faltering conditions.

Dave Mann, who started the season without a sponsor but received backing in time to take part, increased his lead in the *TV Times* sprint competition, winning the first at 15 miles to the delight of the crowd at Doncaster. He shot to the front again at Gainsborough to underline his dominance.

Melted tar was a hazard whenever the course transferred to minor roads and riders were seen to be choosing carefully the "line" they took.

"All quiet at the front" was reported on the tour radio and it was three and a half hours after the start before a potentially good breakaway trio of Marco Diem, of Switzerland, Eddy Scurer, of The Netherlands, and Adrian Timmis, of Great Britain, began to build a lead. They went to 30 seconds during their freedom but were caught after eight miles.

Almost immediately another attack started which carried clear two Danes, Soren Lilholt and Jesper Skibby, friends off the bike but race rivals riding for different sponsors. The pair made their charge after 69 miles with no difficult terrain ahead and agreed to share the pace-setting.

With one ten minutes down overall and the other a further 17 minutes behind, the "bosses" in the bunch did not call for a counter-attack, even though the duo were almost four minutes ahead. The inactivity tempted Rob Holden and Paul Curran to leap away in pursuit just before the Humber Bridge.

They were allowed to keep half a minute ahead of the main pack, which delayed its final challenge until four miles from the end. There was bad luck for Holden and Curran when they were directed off the finishing circuit. Once back on course, they were swallowed up by the pack, which had made inroads into the Danes' advantage. Lilholt and Skibby put in a spirited sprint for the line, the former getting the verdict by half a length.

Maurizio Fondriest, Italy's former world road champion, led in the charge for third place, crossing the line 1:31sec after Lilholt's victory and ensuring that he retained his third place overall.

Before the stage started, Millar's manager had made a formal protest that the Scot was not awarded first place the previous day when he and Dernies covered an extra lap of the finishing circuit in Sheffield because of an official's error. The protest was disallowed.

Yesterday, Tony Doyle was fined 200 Swiss francs (£80) for taking on unauthorised food.

FOURTH STAGE (Sheffield to Hull, 89 miles): 1, S Lilholt (Den), Histor, 3hr 45min 05sec; 2, J Skibby (Den), TVM, same time; 3, M Fondriest (It), Del Tongo, at 1min 31sec; 4, P Anderson (Aus), TVM; 5, M Walsham (GB), Ever Ready; 6, A Fanelli (It), Selle; 7, F Bontempi (It), Diana Colnago; 8, D Rayner (GB), Banana-Falcon; 9, L Jalabert (Fr), Toshiba; 10, C Moreda (Sp), Clas, all same time. Overall: 1, M Dernies (Bel), Weinmann, 18:30:04; 2, R Millar (GB), Z, same time; 3, Fondriest, 1:43; 4, F Ebabe (Sp), Clas, 1:59; 5, J Müller (Switz), TVM; 6, E Bombini (It), Diana; 7, G Rue (Fr), Castorama; 8, L Sierra (Ven), Selle, all same time; 9, M Gayant (Fr), Toshiba, at 2:44; 10, M Arroyo (Mex), Z, at 3:02. Teams: 1, Weinmann, 55:37:17; 2, Z, 55:39:01; 3, Toshiba, 55:39:19. Points: 1, Fondriest, 50pts; 2, P Anderson (Aus), 32; 3, Jalabert 31. TV Times Sprint: 1, D Mann (GB), 35pts; 2, F Roscioli (It), 15; 3, Millar 11. Mountains: 1, Millar, 43pts; 2, J Holzman (Neth), 27; 3, Dernies 20.

TODAY'S FIFTH STAGE: Bridlington to Newcastle upon Tyne, 114 miles. Start, 10.15am; Scarborough, 11.09; Pickering, 11.59; Rosedale, 12.31; Westerdale, 12.51; Middlesbrough, 13.31; Croxdale, 14.27; Durham, 14.38; finish, 15.12.

Crowe brings down curtain on north-east success story

By Stephen Thorpe

JESMOND (Rest of World won toss): Rest of World beat an Engind XI by ten wickets

AN undefeated century by Martin Crowe enlivened the final passages of the Callers-Pegasus festival as the Rest of the World XI beat an England XI by ten wickets. The festival may be no more but north-eastern cricket has gained hugely in substance and will now hopefully flourish and attract the first-class game.

GrahamGooch was officially resting and on Test selection duty, but the esteem and affection for this annual event was reflected in his record sixth appearance on the first day. Indeed, 119 of the world's leading players of recent years have taken part but there was nothing yesterday to match the glories of Graeme Pollock's hundred here against committed bowling in 1983.

The oppressively hot weather, again a factor in a generally lethargic day's play, made for an unfortunate end, cricket-wise, to a decade of festival acclaim. The Caller brothers, Roy and Ian, presidents of Northumberland and Durham respectively, have achieved more than anyone in the promotion of cricket in the region and their energies will now be channelled into Durham's pursuit of county status.

The England XI were required to bat after their crushing opening-day victory but managed only a dismal 179 all out. The rot set in early. Stephenson lost his off stump to Benjamin and Morris was caught behind.

Broad, though, continued his attractive form of the previous evening, trimming the seamers off his legs, and made 55 before charging Sleep in the leg spinner's first over. Lamb, the captain, did not linger long either and England slumped to 118 for four in 30 overs.

Hussain staked a further claim for Test recognition here last year after Dexter had returned to London. Now, he was in early at No. 4, before the chairman's departure and had ample opportunity to remind the selectors of his pedigree. He did, briefly, but there was no lasting impression, particularly when Moody bowled him.

Brian Marshall, the groundsman, enjoyed lavish praise for another agreeable pitch, full of Surrey loam, and Peter Sleep, professional at Rishton in the Lancashire League, also reaped the benefit and the man-of-the-match award with four for 34 off 10 overs. Greenidge wrapped up the innings with two wickets in his first two balls, acclaiming them like a hundred.

The World XI raced to the target in 25 overs. Cook was dropped immediately after tea, a hard, low chance to French's right off Stephenson, the catalyst, fortunately for a belated round of extravagant strokeplay.

These games are renowned for their relaxed informality and the crowd, sun-drunk and somnolent, were finally roused as Cook (70 not out) weighed into Stephenson, and Hemmings brought Crowe closer to a century with a selection of friendly floaters.

Then, for one mad moment, it seemed that Lamb intended to add to his Test player victims (Prabhakar is the sole unfortunate) but instead granted Hussain the final ignominy of being clubbed twice into the cemetery.

ENGLAND XI

B C Broad b Sleep	55
J P Stephenson b Benjamin	7
J E Morris c Parore b Dodemaide	5
N Hussain b Moody	26
*A J Lamb c Dodemaide b Sleep	20
K J Barnett b Moody	10
†B N French c Moody b Greenidge	30
E E Hemmings c Parore b Sleep	0
N G Cowans b Sleep	1
A P Igglesden not out	11
P Munton c Benjamin b Greenidge	0
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 4)	14
Total (50.2 overs)	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-30, 3-82, 4-118, 5-126, 6-137, 7-138, 8-146, 9-179, 10-179

BOWLING: Benjamin 5-1-21-1; Bishop 4-0-7-0; Dodemaide 7-1-32-1; Stephenson 6-2-17-0; Sleep 10-0-34-4; Moody 8-1-23-2; Crowe 6-0-26-0; Greatbatch 4-0-9-0; Greenidge 0-2-0-0-2.

WORLD XI

S J Cook not out	70
M D Crowe not out	106
Extras (lb 4, w 1)	5
Total (no wkt, 25.3 overs)	181

*C G Greenidge, T M Moody, M J Greatbatch, A I C Dodemaide, †A C Parore, F D Stephenson, P R Sleep, W K M Benjamin, I R Bishop, did not bat.

BOWLING: Cowans 5-1-22-0; Munton 7-0-53-0; Hemmings 6-0-52-0; Igglesden 3-1-35-0; Barnett 2-0-10-0; Stephenson 2-0-21-0; Hussain 0.3-0-12-0.

Umpires: S Levison and G McLean.

Sussex clear way for Hanley to make first-class debut

SUSSEX, badly hit by injuries of late, may give a first-class debut to Robin Hanley against Warwickshire at Eastbourne today.

Sussex have rushed through a registration for Hanley, who plays for Eastbourne in the Sussex League and has hit two centuries for the county's second team this season.

A recurring hamstring problem forces Paul Parker, the captain, to miss the match and also out are Ian Gould (sore ribs) and Neil Lenham and Ian Salisbury, both with finger injuries.

Martin Speight returns after missing the last match against Essex with a bruised wrist and Andy Clarke, the leg spinner, and Alan Hansford, the seam bowler, are both included in a 14-strong squad. Colin Wells leads the side in Parker's absence.

Neil Smith, the off spinner, is back in the Warwickshire squad for the first time in almost two months. Smith, last season's match winner in the NatWest Trophy final, lost his place because of a cracked finger in June.

Warwickshire, third in the table, have a slight doubt about the fast bowler, Joey Benjamin, who has a neck injury. Former Northamptonshire bowler Gareth Smith is on stand by.

The Australian batsman, Tom Moody, needs only 117 runs to complete 1,000 for the county. He has made five centuries in only ten innings so far.

Chris Cowdrey, the Kent captain, who has missed the last two county championship games with a broken toe, will have a late fitness test to decide whether he can play in the three-day match against Derbyshire at Chesterfield.

Graham Gooch returns from his record-breaking deeds in the Lord's Test to lead Essex against Nottinghamshire at Southend. But the interest is bound to centre on the Southchurch Park pitch following the drama and controversy of 12 months ago.

Then the pitch used in the match against Yorkshire was reported and declared unfit for first-class cricket and Essex were subsequently stripped of 25 points which were to cost them the county championship title.

But Peter Edwards, the county's secretary and general manager, remains cautiously optimistic there will be no serious problems during this year's festival week, particularly as the county have taken over pitch preparations from Southend council staff.

Derak Randall, the former England batsman, could be forced to miss the game. Randall has been troubled all season with a groin strain and had to leave the field yesterday afternoon during a Second XI game against Scotland at Trent Bridge.

Worcestershire, the county champions, who surrendered their last chance of honours this season when going out of the NatWest Trophy on Wednesday, make two changes for the match against Leicestershire at Grace Road.

The fast bowler, Steve McEwan, makes his first appearance in five weeks and either Paul Bent or Gordon Lord will replace Martin Weston as Tim Curtis's opening partner.

Opening bowler Adrian Jones returns to the Somerset side to play Surrey in the first match of the Weston-super-Mare cricket festival. Jones, who has been rested, replaces Jeremy Hallett.

Darren Bicknell, the Surrey batsman, was having a blood test yesterdau to see if he is suffering a recurrence of glandular fever. Both Pakistani paceman Waqar Younis and Martin Bicknell return to the side, as does Graham Thorpe.

David Capel is back on Northamptonshire's injury list and will miss the match against Hampshire at Bournemouth.

The all-rounder, who has already been plagued by knee and back problems this season, twisted his right ankle during the penultimate over of Northamptonshire's NatWest Trophy win over Worcestershire on Wednesday.

His place will be taken by Duncan Wild, who is retiring from first class cricket at the end of the season.

The fast bowler, Winston Davis, is preferred to his fellow West Indian, Curtly Ambrose, although there could be a late call-up for either John Hughes or Tony Penberthy if Davis's hamstring strain recurs.

Paulding heads record breakers

By a Special Correspondent

THE amateur kilometre champion, Steve Paulding's time of 10.774sec for 200 metres broke the British record at the Leicester velodrome yesterday. This was in the qualifying time-trial round of the British grand prix to lead the 12-man international field. The professional sprint champion, Paul McHugh, in 10.856sec broke Eddie Alexander's record of 10.976, but Alexander could manage only sixth.

The world professional pursuit champion, Colin Sturgess, broke the national five kilometre record with 5min 59.201sec, more than 20 seconds Ian Hallam's time in 1979.

Pavel Buran (Czechoslovakia), who was second in the world championship, qualified third fastest in 10.875sec and went on to win his next round heat from Simon Kersten (Australia) and Peter Jacques (VC Bradford).

McHugh, Paulding, and Stewart Brydon, the amateur sprint champion, also won their heats en route to the finals in the Raleigh Gala meeting today, which is the finale of 10 days of racing.

The week has included 23 championships with the latest being the juvenile 500-metre time-trial. Once again Richard Wright (VC Lincoln) showed his all round talent to win in 36.126sec and add the title to the gold medals he won previously in the pursuit and sprint events.

It was close, however, with Richard Gibbens (Anerley BC) only 0.002sec slower. The bronze medal went to Matthew Middleton (Kirkby RC) with a time of 37.428sec.

In the 4,000-metre team pursuit the Team Haverhill qualified fastest in 4min 36.97sec and the club appears to be the heir to the Manchester Wheelers club which is not defending the title it has held for nine years. The Olympia Sport quartet, from Essex, was second fastest in 4min 39.38sec.

Sally Dawes (Leicester RC), still a junior, was fastest in the women's three kilometre pursuit at the quarter-final stage with a time of 4min 6.767sec.

YACHTING

Japan joint favourites

AUSTRALIA and Japan are favourites for the Kenwood Cup, which begins with a 27-nautical-mile offshore triangle off Waikiki today (Bob Ross writes). The Kenwood Cup, a regatta held every second year for offshore yachts on the Champagne Mumm World Cup circuit, has a fleet of 45.

Australia, which won the Kenwood Cup in 1988 and holds the World Cup, has a strong team of big yachts — Alan Bond's Pedrick-designed maxi, Drumbeat, the Farr 50, Heaven Can Wait (Warren Johns) and the Frers 50, Cyclone (Max Ryan). Japan Blue, which has 19 yachts in the regatta, is strong with two boats fresh from the US 50-footer circuit.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

PRESTATYN: Welsh men's amateur championship: Third round: M W Calvert (Copt Heath) bt I Booth (Pyle and Kenfig), 4 and 3; A G Evans (Newport, Pembs) bt J G Jermine (Sunningdale), 4 and 3; M G Hughes (Ruthin-Pwllglas) bt P K Bloomfield (Whitchurch), 3 and 1; F Maclachlan (Ashburnham) bt M H Peat (Neath), 4 and 3, R Johnson (Cardiff) bt D I Stimson (Ashburnham), 3 and 2; C Platt (Padeswood and Buckley) bt A Wesson (Tredegar Park), 2 and 1, C O'Carroll (Brynhill) bt R H Collins (Glynhir), 5 and 3. A Barnett (Royal St David's) bt M Hearnes (Whitchurch), 4 and 3; G A Macara (Conwy) bt N B Edwards (Whitchurch), 1 hole; A Jones (Wrexham) bt E O Jones (Holyhead), 2 and 1; M Wills (Whitchurch) bt N Baldwin (Llantrisant and Pontyclun), 2 and 1; A Marsden (Rhuddlan) bt N Jones (Wenvoe Castle), 2 holes. J Lee (Cardiff) bt J M Gorvett (Langland Bay), 2 and 1; J McLoughlin (Padeswood and Buckley) bt C Bevan (Flint), 4 and 3. S Gardena (Hawarden) bt R Jones (Mold), 1 hole; M Wilkes (Rhos-on-Sea) bt V Northey (Wenvoe Castle), 4 and 2. Fourth round: Calvert bt Evans, 4 and 3; Maclachlan bt M G Hughes 5 and 3. Platt bt Johnson, 4 and 3, A V Jones bt Macara, 1 hole, Barnett bt O'Carroll at 20th; Marsden bt Wills, at 19th, McLoughlin bt Lee, 1 hole; Gardena bt Wilkes 3 and 2.

PADESWOOD AND BUCKLEY: Welsh girls' championship: Quarter-finals: B Jones (Denbigh) bt A Edwards (Wrexham), 1 hole; M Stroud (Dinas Powys) bt H Calvert (Llantrisant and Pontyclun), 3 and 2; R Morgan (Monmouth) bt S Thomas (Neath), at 20th; L Dermott bt M Brain (Monmouth), 3 and 2. Semi-finals: Stroud bt Jones, at 19th, Dermott bt Morgan, at 21st.

STARNBERG, MUNICH: Audi Quattro Trophy: First-round leaders (GB unless stated): 66: P Eales. 68: J Bennett, V Forsbrand (Swe), N Godin, D James, J Oates, D Ranoolf (WG), S Strauber (WG). 69: N Burke, S Chadwick, K-H Gogele (WG), J Higgins, S Hurley.

BERKHAMSTED: Hennessy Cognac clubs championship, regional final: 1, L Ricking and N Gray (Enfield), 65pts; G Atkinson and I Wallace (Bushey), 66, M Squire and P Howlett (Wridey), 68.

CRICKET

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Esher: England Amateur XI 188-8, 55 overs (M J Roberts 60, Moshaho Afridi 4-42). Pakistan Under-19s: 189-7, 53.3 overs. Pakistan Under-19s won by three wickets.

TOUR MATCHES: Westbury-on-Trym 192-4 (B Lutf 107), Exmouth 181-5 (M Evans 98); York (Toronto) 195-7, Castle Cary 155-8.

GOODWILL GAMES

BASKETBALL: Women's round-robin: Group A: Czechoslovakia 79, Canada 76. Brazil 88 Bulgaria 79. Group B: United States 103, Australia 80; Soviet Union 79, South Korea 77. Semi-finals: United States v Bulgaria, Brazil v Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia v Australia, South Korea v Canada.

BOXING: Semi-finals: Light-flyweight: Anatoli Filippov (USSR) bt Robert Isaszegi (Hungary), 5-0; Eric Griffin (US) bt Nshan Munchyan (USSR), 5-0: Featherweight: Oscar de la Hoya (US) bt Airat Khamatov (USSR), 4-1; Ivan Robinson (US) stpd Fazil Galin (USSR), 2.25, 3rd. Light-welterweight: Aleksandr Barane (USSR) bt Mark Lewis (US), 3-2; Konstantin Tszyu (USSR) bt Terron Millett (US), 5-0. Light-middleweight: Torsten Schmitz (EG) bt Aleksandr Lebzyak (USSR), 4-1, Israel Akopkohan (USSR) bt Paul Vaden (US), 4-1. Light-heavyweight: Andres Kurnyavka (USSR) stpd Jeremy Williams (US), 2:01, 3rd: Terry McGroom (US) bt Sergei Brazhnikov (USSR), 5-0 Super-heavyweight: Larry Donald (USA) bt Maik Heydek (WG), 5-0. Yevgeni Belusov (USSR) stpd Vasile Dumitrcae (Rom). 2:06, 3rd.

ICE HOCKEY: Czechoslovakia 8, Switzerland 4; Finland 3, West Germany 1.

DIVING: Women's 1m springboard: Gao Min (China), 508.80; 2, I Lashko (USSR), 504.09.

FIGURE SKATING: Compulsory dance: M Klimova and S Ponomarenko (USSR), 0.4 factor places. Pairs' original programme: Y Gordeyeva and S Grinkov (USSR), 0.5. Men's original programme: V Petrenko (USSR), 0.5. Women's original programme: 1, J Trenary (US), 0.5.

SAILBOARDING: Standings after the second day: Men (after two races): 1, B Steele (US), 8.7; 2, A Cadre (Fr), 10.0; 3, G Myszkowski (Pol), 11.0. Women: 1, M Casas (Sp), 8.0; 2, P Way (GB), 10.0; 3, Y Kazakova (USSR), 14.7.

YACHTING: Finn class (after three races): B Ledbetter (US), 15.0. Men's 470 class (after three races): T Tyniste, skipper and T Tyniste, crew (USSR), 11.4. Women's 470 (after three races): Larisa Moskalenko and Yelena Pakholchik (USSR).

FOOTBALL

FRIENDLY: Fiorentina 0, Liverpool 0.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ipswich 48 (C Louis 15, D Standing 12, A Mogridge 11), Hackney 47 (S Schofield 12, P Whitaker 10, A Galvin 10); Edinburgh 43 (L Collins 13), Glasgow 52 (S Lawson 13, S Bowes 12, K McKinna 12); Middlesbrough 68 (R Hunter 15, D Sumner 14), Milton Keynes 28 (D Clarke 13).

TENNIS

KITZBUEHEL: Austrian Open: Third round: H Skoff (Austria) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-2, 6-0; T Muster (Austria) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-3, 6-0; S Bruguera (Sp) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt U Riglewski (WG), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); B Becker (WG) bt D Engel (Swe), 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; A Cherkasov USSR), bt M Rosset (Swi), 6-3, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; H de la Pena (Arg) bt M Streiba (Cz), 6-2, 6-1.

MONTREAL: Players Challenge championships: Third round: S Graf (WG) bt L McNeil (US), 7-5, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg), bt R Reggi (It), 6-1, 6-0; K Maleeva (Bul) bt J Richardson (NZ), 6-0, 6-0; N Zvereva (USSR) bt Jo Durie (GB), 6-4, 6-2; N Tauziat (Fr) bt P Hy (Can), 6-1, 6-0; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt B Paulus (Austria), 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; J Capriati (US) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-3, 6-2; M Maleeva (Switz) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

LOS ANGELES: ATP tournament, second round: B Garrow (US) bt T Witsken (US), 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; J Tarango (US) bt D Pate (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; G Muller (SA) bt J Rive (US), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; S Edberg (Swe) bt Shuzo Matsuoka (Japan), 7-5, 6-4.

WIMBLEDON: Royal Airforce Tennis Championships: Men's singles: Cpl Hughes bt Wg Cdr Carson, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; Sgt Lane wo Flt Lt Doherty; FS Gange bt Cpl Egerton 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; Cpl Whitehead bt Jt Watson 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. Men's Open Doubles: SAC Queen and JT Watson bt FS Gange and Sgt Lane, 4-6, 7-6, 8-6; Cpl Egerton and Flt Lt Silvester bt Sqn Ldr Smith and Flt Lt Wood, 6-4, 2-6, 8-6; Wg Cdr Carson and Wg Com Lear bt Sgt Shimmons and Cpl Whitehead, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; Flt Lt Doherty and Cpl Hughes bt Cpl Page and Cpl Williams, 6-1, 6-2. Women's singles: SACW Oliver bt Flt Lt Risley-Pritchard, 6-2, 7-6; Plt Off MacLeod bt Cpl Browne, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; Cpl Bassender bt Cpl Pugh, 6-0, 6-2, Sgt Docherty bt Fg Off Mord 6-1, 6-3. Women's doubles: Sgt Docherty and SACW Oliver bt Fg Off Board and Sgt Mardasaw, 6-1, 6-0; Flt Lt Risley-Pritchard and Cpl Bassender bt SACW Brady and ACW Burgess, 6-0, 6-1; Plt Off MacLeod and Cpl Browne bt Plt Off Partinage and Cpl Whelan, 6-1, 6-3.

GLIDING

LASHAM: Open class national championship: Overall positions (fourth day): 1, R May (ASH25), 3,789pts; 2, A Kay (ASH25), 3,693; 3, J Rollings (Nimbus 3DT), 3,596; 4, M Webb (Nimbus 3DT), 3,581; 5, S Jones (Nimbus 3DT), 3,578; 6, J Glossop (Nimbus 3DT), 3,564; 7, J J Jeffries (ASH25), 3,438; 8, J Stoly (Nimbus 3), 3,325; 9, R Jones (Nimbus 3), 3,308.

YACHTING

MOUNTS BAY, Cornwall: Firefly National Championships: Overall: Pogie (J Ellis, L Ryan, Castaways Club, London). Best placed helm: Alarm (D and N Derby, Castaways).

Silver Fleet Trophy: Sawsword (K White, N Jackson, Felixstowe). Helms Woman: No 1446 (E Walker, A Campion, Budworth F C Sailing Club).

MUMBLES: International 505 National Championship: Race Six abandoned due to lack of wind. Overall: 1, P Towers and N Dixon, 8.75pts; 2, C Robinson and J Ironmonger, 9.5pts; 3, C Haworth and S Aston, 9.75pts; 4, I Pinnell and M Darling, 13.75pts; 5, M Holt and C Merrett, 24pts; 6, R Lord and D Chisholm, 25pts.

POOLE BAY: Malin Rocket Nationals, (fifth points race): 1, J Andrews (The Wolf, 3,356), Portsmouth Poly SC; 2, A Warren (Once Bitten, 3,355), Shoreham SC; 3, G Bayliss (Seventh Heaven, 3296), Tamesis. Overall: 1, M Lennon (Charge of the Light Brigade, 3,431), Conniston SC; 2, J Bell (White Mischief, 3,437), Hampton SC; 3, D Batt (Dangerbat, 3,400), Cookham SC.

PLYMOUTH: NatWest Cadet Open Championship, Senior Fleet (race seven): 1, 8363, A Mills (Waldringfield Sailing Club); 2, 8381, F Rowsell (Exe SC); 3, 8395, B Edwards (Parkstone Yacht club). Race eight: 1, 8,363, Mills; 2, 8407, M J Gifford; 3, 8295, J Osmond. Overall: 1, Lea, 17¼pts; 2, F Mortelmans (Bel), 21½pts, 3, P Tait, Broxbourne, 27pts. Junior Fleet (race seven): 1, 8334, S Nuttall (Parkstone Yacht Club), 2, 8297, M Hutchinson (Waldringfield SC); 3, 7827, J McEwen (Royal Lymington Yacht Club). Race eight: 18377, S Barron-Fox (Frensham Pond SC); 2, 8334, Nuttall; 3, 8239, O Barnes (Tamesis). Overall: 1, Nuttall, 8¼pts; 2, Hutchinson, 9¼pts; 3, 7282, L Tiddens (Neth), 20¼pts.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 5, Montreal Expos 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Chicago Cubs 5; San Diego Padres 8, Cincinnati Reds 5; St Louis Cardinals 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Houston Astros 2, Atlanta Braves 1; San Francisco Giants 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 6, Kansas City Royals 1; Chicago White Sox 4, Milwaukee Brewers 3 (1st game); Chicago White Sox 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2 (2nd game); Detroit Tigers 6, New York Yankees 5 (14 inns); Texas Rangers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 4 (11 inns); Seattle Mariners 7, Minnesota Twins 2; Oakland Athletics 7, California Angels 5.

CYCLING

LEICESTER: BCF National track championships: Men: Professional sprint: Final: McHugh bt Gary Coltman, 2-0. Third place ride-off: Wood bt Glen Coltman, 2-1. Amateur tandem sprint semi-finals: P Boyd (Clayton Velo) and G Hibbert (Team Sports Tameside) bt M Borman (VC Nottingham) and B Fudge (Portsmouth CC), 2-1, C Pyatt (City of Stoke) and M Phillips (Wolverhampton RCC) bt E Alexander (City of Edinburgh) and C Ransome (Team Zoyland) 2-1. Amateur 50km points race: 1, S Lillistone (Team Haverhill), 85, 2, S Wingrave (Team Haverhill), 36; 3, J Snodin (VC Nottingham), 27. Juvenile 2,000 metres pursuit final: R Wright (VC Lincoln), 2min 29.680sec bt M Middleton (Kirkby CC), 2:33.372. 3, R Bruce (Wembley RC) 2:35.332. Women's 3,000m pursuit (leading qualifiers): 1, S Dawes (Leicestershire RC), 4min 5.120sec; 2, M Johnson (Darlington RC), 4:12.200; 3, J Hill (Liverpool Mercury RC), 4:15.341. Juvenile 500m time trial final: 1, R Wright (VC Lincoln), 36.126sec; 2, R Gibbens (Anerley BC), 37.128; 3, M Middleton (Kirkby CC), 37.428

ATHLETICS

CRYSTAL PALACE: Representative match: 100m: T Davies (Combined Services), 10.81sec. 200m: D McKenzie (Southern Counties), 21.54. 400m: D Hall (SC), 49.07. 800m: A Litt (Achilles), 1min 51.4sec. 1,500m: G Saker (SC), 3:49.62. 3,000m: P Freary (Civil Service), 8:7.84. 3,000m steeplechase: I Logan (SC), 9:24.03. 110m hurdles: B St Louis (SC), 14.54. 400m hurdles: T Price (CS), 52.8. High Jump: M Huggins (SC), 2.05m. Pole Vault: P Gibbons (NZ, guest) 5m. Long Jump: D Cocks (SC), 7.23m. Triple Jump: D Reeve (SC), 15.10m. Shot: R Davies (CS), 15.43m. Discus: P Edwards (CS), 50.74m. Hammer: G Cook (SC), 62.94m. Javelin: C Mackenzie (SC) 72.94m. 4 x 100 relay: Southern Counties, 42.29. 4 x 400 relay: Southern Counties, 3:19.79. Match result: 1, Southern Counties, 250pts. 2, Combined Services 154.5. 3, Achilles 132; 4, Civil Service 131.5.

SWIMMING

AUSTIN, Texas: US Swimming Championships: Men's 200m butterfly: 1, M Stewart, 1min 57.43sec; 2, B Pipoenger, 1:59.10; 3, B Gunn, 1:59.77. Men's 100m backstroke: 1, J Rouse, 54.86; 2, S Johnson, 56.11, 3, J Thibault, 56.60. Men's 50m freestyle: 1, T Jager, 22.26; 2, S Crocker, 22.55; 3, A Schram, 22.78. Women's 200m individual medley: 1, S Sanders, 2:14.36; 2, M E Blanchard, 2:15.44, 3, A Shaw, 2:17.48. Women's 800m freestyle: 1, J Evans, 8:24.32; 2, E Hansen, 8:37.28; 3, J Kole, 8:42.38.

FOOTBALL

Villa seek Continental link through Venglos

By Dennis Shaw

ASTON Villa yesterday became pioneers of a more European approach by big English clubs when Jozef Venglos conducted his first coaching session as their manager.

His arrival coincided with the publication of a balance sheet revealing a turnover of £5.6 million, nearly half of which came from non-football ventures. But the former coach of the Czechoslovak World Cup side, who has succeeded Graham Taylor, the new England manager, has arrived as a football man, pure and simple. Venglos, aged 53, introduced himself as "boss" to the players and "just plain Joe" to everyone else, taking his place in the club's business empire with responsibilities for playing affairs only.

Doug Ellis, the club chairman, said: "We looked beyond the end of our noses in appointing him. There will be a freer passage of players to and from Europe after 1992. We are sure, with all his knowledge on the Continent, that this is the way."

Venglos drove his squad through a brisk and punishing session in 90-degree temperatures. Afterwards, in good English, one of four languages he speaks well, he insisted he would have "no problems" in getting to grips with the first division and the pressure it applies.

"English clubs have always had a powerful, direct way of playing but recently in such as Barnes, Waddle, Gascoigne, Platt, Daley and others there are indications of players becoming more flexible and athletic," he enthused.

"I have not come to Villa Park to change its football but to fit in with a very professional and friendly atmosphere. If I can add something to that I will be very happy."

Venglos was to have watched Arsenal at Wolverhampton in a friendly last night and will see as many mid-week games as he can.

"I spent some time with Bill Shankly, Harry Catterick, Ron Greenwood and Terry Neill in 1973," he revealed. "Also I played against many British clubs for Slovan Bratislava and I managed the Czech national team for 76 internationals. Today I am very happy to have the first touch with the boys. They are very experienced and professional and many of them play for their national teams. Being with them is no different to other teams. I understand about pressure."

IN BRIEF

Becker is beaten

KITZBUEHEL, Austria (AP) — Boris Becker, the top seed, was beaten in an hour by Karel Novacek, of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the Austrian Open here yesterday.

In another upset, Horacio de la Pena, the unseeded Argentine, defeated Sergi Bruguera, from Spain, the eighth seed, 6-4, 6-1 on the clay court.

Third place

Barrie Edgington, of Britain, took third place in the second leg of the BIC 1,000 kilometre windsurfing race from Calella to Palamos in Spain. Luca Pacitto of Italy won the leg and is the overall leader, with Edgington second.

Sweet sponsor

The Football League champions, Liverpool, signed a one-year extension to their sponsorship by the Merseyside-based appliance manufacturers, Candy, yesterday. It covers the 1991-92 season.

PGA replies

Ponte Vedra, Florida (AP) — The US PGA Golf Tour, reacting to threatened protests and withdrawal of sponsors, said it will not allow tournaments at clubs where membership even "raises a question" of discrimination.

American football game that asks for neither quarter nor quarterback

Raiders plan Art exhibition

By Robert Kirley

THE Los Angeles Raiders and the New Orleans Saints will contest American Bowl '90, the fifth annual National Football League exhibition, at Wembley tomorrow, but neither club will have its ace quarterback.

This is not a cause for consternation. Who starts at quarterback does not make a great deal of difference in the American Bowl. The four previous games have featured most of the leading passers: McMahon, Everett, Elway, Marino, Montana, Cunningham and Kosar.

They were cheered heartily, only to be substituted quickly, usually in the second quarter. Never mind — the game is competitive and the atmosphere is thoroughly big time. Why get your key player banged up in the first preseason game, anyway?

Steve Beuerlein, of Los Angeles, and Bobby Hebert, of New Orleans, did not make the trip to London because they are unhappy with their pay. Jay Schroeder will start for the Raiders and John Fourcade will lead the Saints. Both are good. Schroeder, formerly with the Washington Redskins, shared the job with Beuerlein last season and Fourcade started three games. Neither club advanced to the play-offs.

"I have the ability to lead this ball club," Fourcade said before practice at Crystal Palace this week. "We're here to play our hardest."

Art Shell, the LA coach, earned Hall of Fame recognition as a player for the Raiders. "This is a great opportunity for us and we must take advantage of it," he said. "The distractions could be a negative thing. It's my job to make it a positive thing."

Marcus Allen, the Los Angeles running back, believes the Raiders will resuscitate their glory days. They won the Super Bowl in 1977, 1981 and 1984.

"Having Art for the whole season will make a big difference," Allen said. Shell took over in mid-season last year. "I played with him in his last season. He knows the game and he's a great motivator."

Bob Golic, a 12-year veteran nose tackle with the Raiders, said: "The competition is what it's all about. Each play you know whether you won, lost or tied. You get to get up and have a chance to do better. Most players last about three years, so I'm living on borrowed time."

The multi-purpose running back, Dalton Hilliard, of the Saints, said: "I'm looking forward to the season. We have to establish consistency. Last year we didn't win games we should have in the fourth quarter."

Playing in the same division as the San Francisco 49ers, who have won the two most recent Super Bowls, and the Los Angeles Rams will not make things easier for the guys from the Big Easy.

AMERICAN BOWL RESULTS: 1986: Chicago Bears 17, Dallas Cowboys 6; 1987: LA Rams 28, Denver Broncos 27; 1988: Miami Dolphins 27, San Francisco 49ers 21; 1989: Philadelphia Eagles 17, Cleveland Browns 13.

JULIAN HERBERT

Living on borrowed time: Golic, nine years beyond his expected span with the Raiders, practising in Hyde Park

No rest for European victors

By Richard Wetherell

MANCHESTER Spartans hope to complete a momentous double when they play Northants Storm in the Coca-Cola Bowl at Crystal Palace today. Their main worry could be fatigue after their victorious trip to the Euro Bowl tournament. Their opponents will have benefited from two weeks' rest since their semi-final victory against Birmingham Bulls.

Spartans are the dominant side in British as well as European football. They were unbeaten during the regular season, the only blot on their record book being the forfeit to Glasgow Lions of their final game.

Despite the off-the-field troubles resulting from this, last year's champions have marched through the play-offs. They overcame Leeds Cougars 45-36 and Glasgow Lions 32-29. Spartans will rely on their quarterback, Choates, and Bailey, the running back, for their offense, while Wooten and Bosomworth should ensure a tight defense.

They will be busy against a Storm offense heavily based on the running game.

Scoring 90 points in their two play-off games, Storm continued the form that made them the league's top scorers. Towards the end of the season the defense tightened up, but they conceded 30 points against Leicester Panthers and 41 to Birmingham Bulls.

The World League of American Football (WLAF) announced that the London franchise will play their five home games at Wembley Stadium. The WLAF is a transcontinental league, starting in March, with the final on June 9.

There will be 12 teams in the league, eight in North America and four in Europe. The European teams are London, Barcelona, Frankfurt and Milan. The North American cities are New York, Montreal, Mexico City, Sacramento, San Antonio, Orlando and Birmingham. One other is to be announced soon.

Details were also announced of "operation discovery". This is an effort to sign world-class athletes who have not played American football before. They will be affiliated to the league and coached for the necessary skills.

Crash course in a sport that is larger than life

Laura Thompson

One week ago today, the words American Football, conjured up only meaningless images of men shouting out sequences of numbers like bingo callers on speed while lumbering around like packs of grounded astronauts. But the American Bowl (to be played tomorrow at Wembley between the LA Raiders and New Orleans Saints) loomed before me and I determined to acquire learning.

I cornered an erudite friend, a man of much sporting knowledge, at a party; and, seated at a table, mellifluously drunk, surrounded by impressed bystanders, we talked our way through the ground rules of American Football, using knives to signify the 10 yard marks, bottle tops for players and a piece of pasta for a ball. At 4 o'clock in the morning, the conversation was still going on. "So that's — what was that you just told me about? Oh; a *flea flicker* — yeah, right, got it".

The next morning, a certain amount of this conversation had fled my brain. So, I got a book from the library which promised to explain all: its first sentence was: "The aim of American football is the same as any other game, that is to beat your opponents". So far, so comprehensible.

The next sentence read: "In the case of American football this is achieved by scoring more points than your opponents," (still with you, squire). "These are obtained by four methods (under NFL rules): Touchdown/point after touchdown (Pat)/field goal/safety." From there on, it immediately got much worse; I felt as though I was reading a legal document, or Hegelian philosophy.

Obviously, it could not be as complicated as this "American Football Made Easy" type of book was making it seem; I know all the players went to university but surely only George Steiner could understand these rules and strategies — and, of course, he is really not large enough to play. I read the final sentence of the book: "Players will also wear a gumshield", then closed it for ever, fear and hatred in my heart.

The next day I was to go to Crystal Palace to see the Saints and the Raiders meet the press then go through their practice routine. Small English boys in American football kit, laconic photographers and journalists straight out of "Hold the Front Page" milled around the pitch expectantly; then, one team at a time, trailing an air of casual, self-possessed mystique, the players trotted out onto the pitch — an extraordinary number of them and an extraordinary assortment.

Some of them were really small, which amazed me; although maybe they were just comparatively small, because some of them (naming no numbers) were plain fat, while a lot of them were merely enormous, with arms like legs, legs like torsos and torsos like two torsos.

Some of them were impossibly handsome high school/college types, the kind that turn up at the beginning of American horror films as the boyfriends of the sneery, sexy girls who get murdered in the early reels. A couple of them looked like Vikings. Some of them could have been members of extremely cool bands of stars of Spike Lee films, what with their shades, Grace Jones haircuts and agile, self-aware movements.

The diversity was surprising but what they all had in common was great charm and confidence, in that straightforward, unembarrassed way that Americans have. Also — in keeping with the theory posted last week, that one's name can actually determine what sport one will eventually play — a lot of them were satisfyingly and appropriately titled: call a child Newt Harrell, Howie Long or Napoleon McCallum, feed him on a cow per day and you will be provided for in your old age. American footballers earn a lot of money.

The meet-the-press session at Crystal Palace was actually more like a huge, very relaxed garden party. The players signed autographs, posed for photographs, flirted with cheerleaders, occasionally got cornered by a purposeful journalist and his camera team, amiably answered the tangential (to be charitable) questions of someone like myself — because, realizing that I could not ask anything technical, I had opted for the personal approach.

What do you do in the evenings?" I probed determinedly, certain of unearthing a regime of, say, a conservative 12 hours' practice per day followed by a meal of raw steak and alfalfa sprouts washed down by a power protein drink followed by a night of intense celibacy.

"Oh, we see the sights, you know, Buckingham Palace, Westminster...do you know any good clubs?"

Are you allowed to drink?" "Oh yes." "Really?" (squawk). "Oh yes. You know, you have to govern yourself with drink. It's all self-discipline". I was impressed by that; it seemed terribly un-English, somehow.

The practice session, too, was a display of self-regulation. It appeared chaotic at first but then, like a Cecil B de Mille crowd scene, purpose and organization were revealed.

As the training session (which usually lasts about two hours) revved itself up, so the incomprehensible strategies detailed in the library book were given physical elucidation: the finer points passed me by but it was not hard to get a powerful sense of the game's basic thrust. In some ways it is, of course, very similar to rugby and its physicality is at least as exciting.

As with rugby also, the cathartic rough-and-tumble on the pitch does not translate itself into crowd violence; in America — where they are just as passionate about their football as we are — going to watch a game is something that families do. No wonder the idea of soccer is proving so hard to sell over there.

SPORTS POLITICS

Ramsamy begins S Africa study

JOHANNESBURG, (Reuter) — Sam Ramsamy, the anti-apartheid campaigner, arrived in South Africa yesterday for talks with local organisations on the country's possible return to Olympic competition after an absence of three decades.

Ramsamy, the chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, said on his arrival from London that the aim of his 10-day visit was to monitor the degree of progress towards non-racial sport.

"I have been commissioned by various African sport bodies to meet with South African national controlling bodies of sport and listen to their views on South African sport and its future development," he said.

"The end of apartheid is the key to everything. Apartheid must go . . . that is the view of the whole world." Ramsamy, a key figure in keeping South Africa out of world sport as a protest against the segregation of races, said.

Ramsamy, who has lived in exile since leaving South Africa 18 years ago, said he would discuss the possibility of forming non-racial governing bodies for individual Olympic sports and for sport in general.

Most South African sports are run by rival bodies, with a segregationist white federation seeking to end the sports boycott and an anti-apartheid organisation in favour of keeping the ban until apartheid is dismantled.

Ramsay will report to the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), which asked him to hold talks with all controlling bodies of sport in South Africa. His report will be a decisive factor in the return of South Africa to international sport.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) believes the South African problem must be solved by Africans and Ramsamy's visit arises from requests by South African sports officials to the IOC to review the situation.

Commenting on speculation that South Africa could soon be readmitted to the Olympic fold and that Durban could host the Games in 2000, Ramsamy said: "I hope they are right, but all the pillars of apartheid will have to go first and I hope that will be in the next couple of months. I cannot talk of any city hosting the Olympics because South Africas is not part of the Olympic movement yet."

He said he and ANOCA believed the sports boycott had been successful in isolating South Africa, but felt they had yet to achieve their main objective, to force integration of the country's sporting bodies. Asked when the boycott was likely finally to be lifted, Ramsamy said: "It's up to South Africans themselves."

Government says few pupils will drop PE

By John Goodbody

THE Government has claimed that "very small numbers" of pupils aged 14 to 16 will be able to drop physical education on the new national curriculum.

The announcement on Tuesday by John MacGregor, the education secretary, has worried leading figures in physical education, teaching and sport that the curriculum would be unbalanced.

Instead, MacGregor said on television that many youngsters would be doing more physical education in school than they have up to now under the national curriculum.

He said on TV-AM on Thursday that if the government goes ahead with the proposals, "very small numbers of pupils will actually be able to drop PE. The vast majority will have to do it."

Those individuals that may be able to stop physical education will be taking up options like a second modern language, Latin, Greek or economics.

MacGregor was debating the issue with Len Almond, the director of physical education at Loughborough University, who told *The Times* yesterday: "The government does have an interest in sport and exercise but there has been a genuine concern that there was too much on the programme.

"The government clarified the situation and has acknowledged the problem teachers are facing."

Almond, who is also the director of the health and physical education project at Loughborough, said that MacGregor's statement was very positive for the national working group on PE in schools, which was announced last month, and guidelines for the subject. He said it was "good news for the health of the nation and good news for sport".

However, thousands of physical education teachers, parents and sports administrators will still be concerned that under the pressure of other subjects, it will play a less prominent role in many state schools than it did previously.

Many leading figures point out that the subject helps to make children well-rounded individuals and also widens the options of school leavers.

Professor Margaret Talbot, the Carnegie Professor at Leeds Polytechnic and a member of the government's working group, has pointed out that by eliminating the one subject that is not primarily intellectual, the curriculum would not be well balanced.

GOODWILL GAMES

Two golds for Gao at diving

SEATTLE (Reuter) — Gao Min, of China, showed off her supremacy on the springboard at the Goodwill Games on Thursday with her second diving gold medal, despite recent injury and her country's scant regard for the one-metre event.

"I paid very little attention to the one-metre springboard because it is not very popular in China," the Olympic champion said. "What I did today I am very satisfied with."

Gao, who launched the competition with a gold medal in the three-metre springboard event on Tuesday, made it three diving golds in a row for China. Tan Liangde overcame influenza to win the men's three-metre event on Wednesday.

In the boxing ring, the Soviet Union and the United States ended the day with four wins apiece from their eight semi-final showdowns. Andrei Kurnyavka, the Soviet world middleweight champion, dealt the most spectacular blow, sending Jeremy Williams, aged 17, to the canvas with a crushing right in their light-heavyweight bout. The American spent a minute on the floor before being helped to his corner.

More US-Soviet contests are in the offing as nine from the Soviet Union and eight from the United States are among the 24 finalists. Three Cubans, including two world champions, are also seeking gold.

The figure skating field included eight of the world's top 11 men, some presenting their new programmes, others sticking to last season's numbers for reasons of secrecy. There was much slipping and sliding. Viktor Petrenko, of the Soviet Union, who won the silver medal at the Halifax worlds last March, was one who played safe in the short. He finished above Kurt Browning, the reigning champion, and Chris Bowman, of the United States.

Browning, from Canada, needed hand support after a triple axel while Bowman explained: "My programme is still in the experimental stage. I'm here just to try and be an American ambassador."

Jill Trenary, the world champion, who had been expected to retire after Halifax, led an American sweep in the women's short programme, with Nancy Kerrigan and Kristi Yamaguchi placed behind her.

As expected, the Soviet dominance in ice dance continued at Seattle, the world champions, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, and their team colleagues, Maya Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin, leading after the first compulsory dance. The pairs original saw Yekaterina Gordeyeva and Sergei Grinkov, Natalya Mishkutyonok and Artur Dmitriev and Yelena Bechke and Denis Petrov, all Soviet, taking the lead in that order.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Namibian starters collect medals

By Jane Wyatt

NAMIBIA, newly independent, and Yemen, newly united, have made their debuts, with contrasting results, at the world Stoke Mandeville wheelchair games being staged by the British Paraplegics Sports Society at the Ludwig Guttman sports centre in Aylesbury.

The six-man team from Namibia were able to make a last-minute entry after an injection of funds by their government. The results have been impressive with a gold medal, a silver and three bronze medals.

Yemen have not equalled Namibia's performance and are at the bottom of the medals table. The team was helped to the games by the British Foreign Office's help in raising the funds required to buy specialist equipment.

The momentous events in the Middle East have, of course, cast a gloom over the Kuwaiti team. Its members are stunned by the Iraqi invasion of their country, but are to remain in Britain to finish competing in the games.

Further evidence that the impact of international politics can now be felt in wheelchair sport came with Libya's disqualification from the basketball event for refusing to play Israel.

The international Stoke Mandeville Games Federation hopes that its £1 million Sporting Wheels Worldwide appeal, launched this week, will be able to help just such developing countries as Namibia and Yemen to improve sporting opportunities for disabled athletes and to encourage them to compete at international level.

With one more day left of competition, Australia are heading the medals table followed by the United States, Spain and Britain. The British squad, with 30 medals so far this year, is a long way short of last year's total of 64. The team manager, Roger Ellis, attributes this to a deliberate policy of fielding a young and inexperienced squad as preparation for the next Paralympics.

SHOOTING

Canadians face might of British

THE Great Britain rifle team, which opens its Canadian tour in Vancouver this weekend, has two double Queen's Prize winners and two young marksmen who have surprised the Canadians before (our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

Jeremy Langley, aged 22, won the Canadian overall championship two years ago on his first trip with the senior team.

Glyn Barnett, aged 19, who was in the Great Britain cadet team last year, almost did the same thing then, finishing second.

John Bloomfield, who won the Queen's Prize last week for a second time and Andrew Tucker, the other double winner, have won leading Canadian awards several times.

TEAM: C McEachren (East Scotland, captain); M Baillie-Hamilton (West Athol); G Barnett (Norfolk); P Bennison; R Barrington (Surrey); J Bloomfield (Nottinghamshire); J Carmichael (Hereford and Worcester); G Feast (Hertfordshire); D Harvey; J Jackman (Surrey); J Langley (Devon); D Lumby (Lancashire); K Pugh; A Simpson (Northumberland); C Sutherland (Essex); A Tucker (Surrey); J Webster (Warwickshire); J Wills (Oxfordshire).

FISHING

Anglers told to be more gentlemanly

By Conrad Voss Bark

THE Salmon and Trout Association (Sata) has updated advice on how anglers should behave which was first given in *The Treatyse of Fysshynge* in 1496 and has been updated many scores of times by angling writers during the last 500 years with little noticeable effect.

The Game Angling Code, a small pamphlet produced by Sata, supported by Laphroaig Whisky, in consultation with 17 sporting organisations, is the latest version of how anglers should behave according to the social mores of the time. In some cases the code is an improvement on the 1496 version, in other cases less so.

For example, the new code merely says that anglers should be discouraged from selling their fish, whereas the *Treatyse* comes out more strongly by saying that anglers must not use their sport "for covetousness, merely for the increasing or saving of their money".

The *Treatyse*, in saying that, gets down to the basic problem that was so apparent in the reported "astronomic" killing and sale of salmon by game fishers on the Tay last year. The Sata approach is more general, more tactful, does not mention the word greed, and comes down in essence to the expression of pious hopes that anglers and fishery owners should behave like gentlemen.

The code is exemplary. No one can quarrel with precepts such as "moderation, courtesy and consideration for others are the marks of a sporting angler". Such structured phrases, however, do give the impression, possibly unfairly, that the authors during their deliberations, to paraphrase Disraeli, became inebriated with their high morality.

The Game Angling Code is available from the Salmon and Trout Association, Fishmongers Hall, London Bridge, London EC4R 9EL or from the association's stand at today's Game Fair in Margam Park, South Wales.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Indians

Britannic Assurance County Championship
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Kent
SOUTHEND: Essex v Nottinghamshire
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Surrey
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Lancashire

BOWLS

Women's national championships (Leamington Spa).
Eastern Counties League: Norfolk v Hertfordshire (Wymondham Dell). Suffolk v Huntingdonshire (Debenham Cherry Tree). Home Counties League: Middlesex v Berkshire (Cambridge Park); Oxfordshire v Sussex (South Oxford); Surrey v Buckinghamshire (O Dean). Midland Counties Championship: Lincolnshire v Nottinghamshire (Cleethorpes). Inter-County: Bedfordshire v Gloucestershire (Bedford Borough); Leicestershire v Cambridgeshire (Leicester Brookfield); Northamptonshire v NHVP's (Kingsthorpe); Wiltshire v Durham (Trowbridge Westbourne).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Coca-Cola Bowl: Manchester Spartans v Northants Storm (Crystal Palace).
ATHLETICS: AAA/WAAA Championships (Birmingham).
CYCLING: National Track Championships (Leicester); Kellogg's Tour of Britain (Bridlington to Newcastle-upon-Tyne).
GOLF: English Amateur Championship (Woodhall Spa GC, Lincs); Weetabix Women's British Open (Milton Keynes).
MOTOR CYCLING: FIM World Road-Racing Championship (Castle Donington); National Grass Track (Castle Donington).
MOTOR RACING: Coca-Cola British Kart Grand Prix (Silverstone); British Formula 3 Championship and Esso British Touring Car Championship (Snetterton).
POLO: Goodwood Tournament (Cowdray Park, Sussex).
SAILING: Land Rover Cowes Week.
SHINTY: London Challenge Cup (at Gaelic Athletic Grounds, Ruislip).
SWIMMING: ASA National age-group championship (Leeds).
WATER SKIING: British National Barefoot Championships (Lincoln).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Indians

Refuge Assurance League
2.0, 40 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Kent, (1.05)
SOUTHEND: Essex v Nottinghamshire
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Surrey
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Warwickshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Lancashire
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bedford: Bedfordshire v Cumbria; Bowdon: Cheshire v Oxfordshire; Dorchester: Dorset v Berkshire; Lakenham: Norfolk v Lincolnshire; Marlborough College: Wiltshire v Buckinghamshire.

BOWLS

Women's National Championships (Leamington Spa). Inter-County: Essex v London Welsh (Chelmsford); Wiltshire VP's v Isle of Wight (Salisbury); Warwickshire county finals (Nuneaton); Hertfordshire county finals (Tring); Huntingdonshire county finals (Eynesbury).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: America Bowl: New Orleans Saints v Los Angeles Raiders (Wembley).
CANOEING: Junior European Regatta (Nottingham).
CYCLING: Kellogg's Tour of Britain (York to Manchester)
GOLF: Weetabix Women's British Open (Milton Keynes).
MOTOR CYCLING: FIM World Road-Racing Championship (Castle Donington).
MOTOR RACING: Coca-Cola British Kart Grand Prix (Silverstone); British Formula 3 Championship and Esso British Touring Car Championship (Snetterton).
POLO: Goodwood Polo Tournament (Cowdray Park, Sussex).
RALLYING: British Championships (Swindon).
SAILING: Land Rover Cowes Week.
WATER SKIING: British National Barefoot Championships (Lincoln).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: BSB midday-1.0. Action from last season in the NFL with Cincinnati Bengals against Miami Dolphins.
ATHLETICS: ITV 3.15-5.0pm and 5.10-5.30pm. The Parisonic National Championships.
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: C4 9.25-10.30am.
BASEBALL: Screensport 12.30-2.30pm. Action from America.
BOXING: Eurosport 10.0-11.0pm. Screensport 2.30-4.0am and 10.30-midnight. Fight night at the Forum. Screensport 11.0am-12.30pm.
CANOEING: Screensport 2.30-3.0pm and midnight-1.0am.
CYCLING: C4 10.0-10.30pm. The Kellogg Tour of Britain.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 12.30-6.0pm. The World Games from Stockholm (shares coverage with Austrian Open tennis). Eurosport 11.0pm-1.0am.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 7.0-8.30pm. The European Junior Championship Final from Hungary.
GOLF: Screensport 4.0-6.0am. The USPGA Buick Open.
GRANDSTAND: BBC 1 12.30-5.00pm. Special Olympics. Cycling: The National championships from Leicester. Show jumping: The World Equestrian Games from Stockholm. Racing: The 2.0, 2.30 and 3.10 races from Goodwood.
MOTOR CYCLING: Screensport 6.0-7.0am. Action from Czechoslovakia.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 3.0-5.0pm and 8.0-9.0pm.
RACING: C4 3.15-5.10pm. The 3.20, 3.50, 4.20 and 4.50 races from Newmarket. BSB 1.30-2.0pm and 10.0-10.30pm.
RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 4.0-5.0pm. Action from Australia.
RUGBY UNION: ITV 2.35-3.15pm. Highlights of New Zealand v Australia.
SHOW JUMPING: Screensport 7.0-9.0am. Falsterbo Jumping Derby from Sweden.
SNOOKER: BSB 10.0-midday and 8.0-10.0pm. The Continental Challenge.
SPORTSDESK: BSB 9.30-10.0am, 1.0-1.30pm, 6.0-6.30pm, 7.30-8.0pm, 10.30-11.0pm and midnight-1.0am.
TENNIS: Eurosport 8.30-10.0pm. The Austrian Open from Kitzbühel. Screensport 9.0-11.0am and 5.0-8.0pm The Canadian Open.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 10.0-midnight. Highlights of New Orleans Saints v LA Raiders in America Bowl '90 from Wembley. BSB midday-1.0pm Denver Broncos v Seattle Seahawks and 1.30-2.30pm Cleveland Browns v Houston Oilers from 1989.
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 6.0-7.0pm.
BASEBALL: Screensport 3.0-5.0am and 7.0-9.0am. Action from the Major League. Screensport 7.30-8.0pm Action from the Amateur championship.
BOXING: BSB 3.30-5.0pm. Action from US. Eurosport 11.0-midday.
CRICKET: Sky 1 1.05-6.0pm. The Refuge Assurance League match between Derbyshire and Kent at Chesterfield.
CYCLING: C4 5.30-6.0pm. The Kellogg's Tour of Britain.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 11.0pm-1.0amm. The World Games from Stockholm.
GOLF: Screensport 9.0-11.0am. USPGA Buick Open. Screensport 9.0-11.0pm. The Federal Express St Jude Classic.
GRANDSTAND: BBC 2 1.25-6.30pm. Show Jumping: The World Equestrian Games from Stockholm. Motor Cycling: The Shell Oils British Grand Prix. Water Skiing: The Carlsberg European Barefoot Championship from Lincoln.
MOTOR CYCLING: Eurosport 12.30-6.0pm. The British Grand Prix (shares coverage with the World Equestrian Games and the Austrian Tennis Open). Eurosport 10.0-11.0. Highlights.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 1.0-3.0am, 11.0am-1.0pm.
RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 6.30-7.30pm. Action from Australia.
RUGBY UNION: ITV 3.30-4.30. Highlights of Argentina v England.
SHOW JUMPING: Screensport 11.0pm-1.0am.
SNOOKER: BSB 10.0-midday, 8.0-10.0pm and 10.30-midnight. The Continental Challenge.
SPORTSDESK: BSB 9.30-10.0am, 1.0-1.30pm, 6.0-6.30pm, 7.30-8.0pm, 10.0-10.30pm and midnight-12.30am.
TENNIS: Eurosport 8.30-10.0pm. The Austrian Open from Kitzbuhel. Screensport 1.0-3.0pm. Men's Canadian Open. Screensport 5.0-7.30pm Women's Canadian Open.

TRIATHLON

Mass pursuit of place in British team

By Ian Sweet

BRITISH triathletes have their final opportunity to gain automatic selection for the British team for the forthcoming European short-course championships at Linz, Austria, on August 24.

In the race at Emberton Park, near Olney, Buckinghamshire, tomorrow, the first two eligible men and women will gain places in the British team. Only Simon Lessing and Bernie Shrosbree have so far booked their places

Tomorrow's event, which is over the Olympic distance of 1.5 kilometres for the swim, 40km for the cycling and 10km for the run, is also part of the national ranking series. The Olympic swimmer, Robin Brew, and the internationals, Ken Maclaren and Rick Kiddle, will be among those vying for selection without having to depend upon the whims of selectors.

The women's race has attracted Vickie Lescombe and Sarah Springman and it should be a formality for them to finish first and second and join the British team.

The race has more than 400 entries, which has caused a slight problem for the organisers, who will now hold a five-wave start. The first wave, comprising the men's elite and the women, starts at 9am, the others going off at 15-minute intervals. The reason behind this is to minimise the possibility of drafting (bunching) on the cycling section, which is dangerous and illegal.

RUGBY UNION

Porta laments lack of adventure in Argentinian ranks

From DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, BUENOS AIRES

IF ARGENTINA play today at Vélez Sarsfield as they did a week ago when losing 25-12 in the first international, then there seems every prospect of England returning home on Monday with a rare 2-0 series win over the Pumas. That would represent a big salvage operation from a tour whose first fortnight proved so disastrous.

That opinion is shared by Hugo Porta, at one time generally acclaimed as the best stand-off half in the world and the author, with 21 points, of Banco Nación's win against England in the first match of the tour. It is Porta's belief, borne out by what England have seen here outside the international arena, that his country possesses the players to indulge in a different style, modelled, as much as anything, on Banco's own approach, which is to play the game through the backs.

It is common knowledge that Porta and Rodolfo O'Reilly, the Pumas' coach who resigned this week, do not see eye to eye. O'Reilly is perceived as selecting players with whom he has formed a close relationship, which does not necessarily mean the best available players. How, Porta asked, did the Pumas last week expect to score points, except by goal-kicking, when they chose two wings who do not play in that position and a full back who had not played for two months?

"The rugby I like is not the style the Pumas play," Porta said, reflecting the influence Pierre Villepreux, the Toulouse coach, had on him when Banco took part in the 1986 Masters tournament in France. Porta is clearly bitter that Jacques Fouroux, the French national coach, has provided a role model for O'Reilly and Raúl Sanz, his assistant, is employing a game dominated by big forwards with little inclination to use the creative ability of the backs.

"Argentina must try another type of game and choose the players for that game," Porta said. "Whoever replaces O'Reilly must be given more than just one chance to prepare the team. He needs more than the tour to Britain in October because it would be very stupid not to appreciate that Argentina could well lose the four big games [against England, Scotland, Ireland and the Barbarians] on that tour.

"Many people thought that Banco Nación and the way we play rugby would work only in our domestic game, so it was very important that we played well against England to show that we could take on international teams."

Porta does not exclude the possibility of a return to international rugby even at the age of 38, given a coach such as Héctor Silva, with whom he is in sympathy. This weekend, though, he must wait to see if Argentina repeat last week's mistake of taking play to the most experienced area of England's side, the pack. "How much experience is there in the forwards?" he asked. "Six of them have played a lot of international rugby. Where are the inexperienced English players? In the backs.

"I don't think it was clever to carry the battle to your forwards. Skinner had a good game but probably he was helped because Argentina took the ball inside all the time. I liked the way the No. 8 [Dean Ryan] played and Hodgkinson's kicking was very good."

But since the only change to the Argentine side is in the front row, where the experienced Diego Cash returns, it seems unlikely that Argentina's tactical approach will switch significantly from one Saturday to the next. That being so, England, with an unchanged XV, have a far better idea of the problems to be overcome, though Will Carling, their captain, eschews thoughts that they now have the measure of the Pumas.

"I'm quite sure they will have done a lot more preparation, perhaps on playing a looser game or coping with our back row," Carling said. Equally, England have worked on limiting Iachetti's supply of lineout ball and their own ball control, which has been weak throughout the tour. While Argentina may be taxed to offer a different tactical approach, so too may England, whose backs have contributed so little to this tour that there is no reason to suppose that they can now suddenly do so.

Carlos Menem, the Argentine president, has clearly taken the hint. At one stage he hoped to attend today's game, but instead he must be in Colombia for a presidential inauguration and will miss the chance to see England's pack, allied to Hill's chivvying and Hodgkinson's accurate boot, taking the spring out of the Pumas' stride.

The teams

ARGENTINA: A A Scolni (Alumni); H Vidou (Buenos Aires Cricket), M H Loffreda (San Isidro Club, captain), D Cuesta Silva (SIC), S Salvat (Alumni); R M Madero (SIC), E F Gómez (Banco Nación); A S Rocca (Buenos Aires Cricket), M Aguirre (Alumni), J J Angelillo (SIC), D Cash (SIC), P A Garretón (Tucumán University), E N Branca (Club Atlético San Isidro), A Iachetti (Hindú), M J Bertranou (Los Tordos), M Sasek (Los Tordos). Replacements: R A La Fert (Tucumán), D R Saadé (CASI), S D. Bunader (Los Tarcos), R H Cassell (Rosario Jockey Club), J-M Cuestas (Atlético del Rosario), C I Mendy (Los Tilos).

ENGLAND: S D Hodgkinson (Nottingham); N J Heslop (Orrell), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J R D Buckton (Saracens), C Oti (Wasps); D Pears (Harlequins), R J Hill (Bath); J Leonard (Saracens), B C Moore (Harlequins), J A Probyn (Wasps), M G Skinner (Harlequins), N C Redman (Bath), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Ryan (Wasps). Replacements: J G Liley (Leicester), G J Thompson (Harlequins), S M Bates (Wasps), V E Ubogu (Bath), C J Oliver (Northampton), D M Egerton (Bath). Referee: B Kinsey (Australia).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Referees call time on feeding

By KEITH MACKLIN

REFEREES have been instructed to keep a closer watch on feeding into scrums next season. Fred Lindop, the controller of the referees, has issued a circular asking referees not to allow scrum halves too much leeway when they have the advantage of the loose head and the put-in.

Last season many half backs were blatantly feeding the ball into second row and even to the feet of the loose forward.

Kevin Iro, the Wigan and New Zealand centre, will miss the first six weeks of the season because of a cartilage operation on an injury which affected his performances for New Zealand against Great Britain this summer.

Chris O'Sullivan, the Canberra Raiders stand-off half, has agreed to join Warrington when the Australian season ends next month and is contracted to stay until the end of the British season.

The future of the Halifax club, which has debts of £760,000, is still in the balance. A consortium of local businessmen has offered £130,000 for the club, on the condition that a small group of players who are refusing to accept reduced terms for next season sign up.

The club administrator, Roger Marsh, told a meeting of creditors yesterday that the consortium would only buy Halifax if Brendan Hill, the Great Britain prop, Scott Rawlinson and George Parkinson agreed terms. Rawlinson and Parkinson are owed over £40,000 on contracts

The look is lean and mean for motorcycling's grand prix

MARC ASPLAND

Touch and go: Eddie Lawson on his Yamaha takes Goddard Corner at Donington Park yesterday during practice for tomorrow's grand prix

Schwantz burns in pursuit of Rainey

By STEVE ACTESON

KEVIN Schwantz, winner of four races already this season, put himself on course for the perfect start to the British motorcycling grand prix tomorrow when he steered his Suzuki to the fastest time after the second practice session at Donington Park yesterday.

Under a fierce sun, the Texan, who still believes he can catch Wayne Rainey, of California, the world championship leader, despite a deficit of 30 points, clocked 1min 33.543sec. Rainey, on a Yamaha, was second fastest in 1:33.733 and Wayne Gardner, of Australia, on a Honda, third in 1:33.836, the only other man to break the 1:34 barrier. There are two more practice sessions today.

In the 250cc practice, Carlos Cardus, of Spain, the winner of the French grand prix two weeks ago, was fastest in 1:37.403 on his Honda. The world championship leader, John Kocinski, of the United States, who is seven points up on Cardus, could manage only the fourth fastest time on his Yamaha.

Four riders in the 500cc class — Schwantz, Rainey, Gardner and Eddie Lawson, of the United States — beat 1:35.51, the official lap record held by Lawson, the defending world champion. Having been sidelined for some time through injury, Lawson is fully aware that his title will go, and his job now is to stay behind Rainey, his teammate, but ahead of Schwantz.

Britain's hopes rest with Niall Mackenzie, fifth in practice. Last year there was a roar reminiscent of a good night at Wembley when the 29-year-old Scott from Dunblane briefly led on a Marlboro Yamaha to conjure visions of a first British 500cc grand prix success since Barry Sheene, nine years ago.

Worn tyres ended that brief illusion of glory and at the end of last season Mackenzie had been dropped by the Marlboro team and was contemplating a 1990 season of 250cc racing, before receiving a call from the Lucky Strike Suzuki team to replace Kevin Magee, of Australia, who sustained serious head injuries last March during a crash at 100mph in America.

With such support behind him Mackenzie has thrived, as third places in both the German and Yugoslav grands prix testify, albeit that they were achieved with something of a guilty conscience. At Donington this week a first meeting with Magee since the accident dispelled such thoughts.

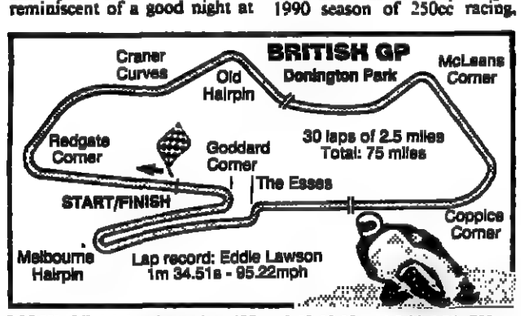
"Kevin was great. He just joked he was going to use me for a punch bag because I was doing so well on his bike and he looked almost recovered. I was so happy. I told him that if someone had to ride his bike it might as well be me and I certainly don't feel guilty anymore," Mackenzie said.

"If ever I had the chance to win a grand prix then this is it. The crowd nearly went hysterical when they saw me in front last year. Tyres let me down then but this time they won't. The only possible setback is my lack of experience on the machine compared to the other top factory riders."

It is two of them that are expected to silence jingoistic roars on Sunday — Rainey, the present leader by a straight and a curve or two, and Schwantz, last year's winner at Donington.

Michelin, meanwhile, is to close its motorcycling grand prix tyre service at the end of the season in favour of other motor sports. The French manufacturer's public relations manager, Chris Rogers, said yesterday that the company, which supplies most of the 500cc teams with race tyres, would close the tyre testing, development and fitting services after the final races in September.

Michelin, who ended their involvement in Formula One motor racing in 1984, have been in motorcycling since 1973.



TODAY: Official timed practice: 125cc: 9.45-10.15 and 2.00-2.30; 500cc: 10.30-11.10 and 2.45-3.25; 250cc: 11.25-12.05 and 3.40-4.20; sidecars: 12.20-12.50 and 4.35-5.05; superbikes: 5.20-5.27, untimed warm up; *Motor Cycle News* TT superbike championship race (15 laps): 5.40.
TOMORROW: Untimed practice: 125cc: 9.00-9.20; 250cc: 9.30-9.50; 500cc: 10.00-10.20; sidecars: 10.30-10.50. Rothmans 125cc British grand prix (24 laps): 11.30; Shell 250cc British grand prix (26 laps): 1.00; Shell 500cc British grand prix (30 laps): 2.30; Shell sidecar British grand prix (24 laps): 4.00; superbikes: 5.30-5.35, untimed warm up; *Motor Cycle News* superbike race (15 laps): 5.50.

PRACTICE LEADERS: 500cc (after second session): 1, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 1:33.54; 2, W Ramey (US), Yamaha, 1:33.73; 3, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 1:33.86; 4, E Lawson (US), Yamaha; 1:34.31; 5, N Mackenzie (GB), Suzuki; 1:35.47; 6, C Sarron (Fr), Yamaha, 1:35.84. 250cc (after second session): 1, C Cardus (Sp), Honda, 1:37.403; 2, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, 1:37.497; 3, A Morillas (Fr), Aprilia, 1:37.774; 4, J Kocinski (US), Yamaha, 1:37.872; 5, W Zeelenberg (Neth), Honda, 1:38.178; 6, C Lavado (Ven), Aprilia, 1:38.229; 7, H Bradl (WG), Honda, 1:38.342; 8, J Cornu (Switz), Honda, 1:38.375; 9, M Shimizu (Japan), Honda, 1:38.376; 10, M Wimmer (WG), Aprilia, 1:38.512. 125cc: 1, J Martinez (Sp), Rotax, 1.44.19; 2, L Capirossi (It), Honda, 1:44.30; 3, B Casanova (It), Honda, 1:44.51; 4, F Gresini (It), Honda, 1:45.07; 5, D Romboni (It), Honda, 1:45.14; 6, H Spaan (Neth), Honda, 1:45.20.

BOWLS

Former champions fall to outsiders

By DAVID RHYS JONES

TWO rank outsiders upset the form book at Royal Lymington Spar yesterday, defeating a couple of former champions in the Liverpool Victoria EWBA two-wood singles championship.

Gill Fitzgerald, an elegant deliverer of a bowl, beat the favourite, Jayne Roylance, thus gaining revenge for a first round defeat in 1988, when North Walsham's Commonwealth Games bronze medal winner went on to win the title.

Since that defeat on her first visit to these championships, Fitzgerald has monopolised the two-wood event in Northamptonshire, where she plays for the Kettering Lodge Club.

Noble played hockey for Bedfordshire, and confesses she never thought she would take to bowls — which she first tried eight years ago. She played more calmly and consistently than her redoubtable opponent, Irene Molyneux, of Oxford, the 1979 champion, winning 15-12.

Molyneux, disappointed that the semi-final was played on the heavier green D after being scheduled for the free-running green C, conceded that Noble had beaten her "on long jacks", but was not happy with the way she or the green had played.

Hopes of an all-Cambridgeshire pairs final were dashed when Jean Baker and Margaret Bonsor, of Alfreton, overwhelmed the Millers, of March, 26-11, but Maureen Christmas and her daughter Jenny Tunbridge, of Cambridge Chesterton, scored a five on the sixteenth end to move four shots clear of Marlow's Ann Cox and Lynne Therwell, before winning 18-16.

RESULTS: Two-wood singles, third round: I Molyneux (Oxford CC) bt F Linberry (Field Place, Brighton), 19-5; Y Groom (Street) bt D Haddock (Newmarket), 17-12; B Noble (Luton) bt M Price (Burnham), 15-10; D Davy (Stratton, Bude) bt D Young (Brockleyhurst), 15-10; J Curtis (Yeoval) bt E Fogarty (Morpeth), 16-7; J Roylance (North Walsham) bt E Andrew (Blackpool), 18-4; G Fitzgerald (Kettering Lodge) bt B Atherton (Charlton Conway), 15-14; S Chamberlain (Connaught, Chingford) bt M Allan (Courtfield, Carlisle), 19-4. Quarter-finals: Molyneux bt Groom 15-5; Noble bt Davy 15-12; Roy Lance bt Curtis 16-9; Fitzgerald bt Chamberlain 18-3. Pairs quarter-final: A Cox and L Therwell (Marlow) bt E Bird and A Glover (Sherwood, Nottingham), 28-8.

Poole close to place in Scottish history books

By GORDON DUNWOODIE

ALAN Poole, of Pilrig, moved to within two games of creating history when he produced two convincing performances yesterday to beat Gordon Logan, of Kirkliston, and John Foy, of Stobhill, to move through to this morning's semi-finals of the Scottish singles championship.

Poole, the junior champion in 1985, is attempting to become the first player to complete the double of junior and senior singles titles. He was an unexpectedly easy winner of his morning clash with Logan, the British Police champion. Poole had to work harder for his 21-14 quarter-final win over the last hope of Glasgow, Foy, finishing with doubles on the last two ends to complete a 21-14 victory.

Willie Higgins, of Loanhead, who had beaten past world indoor champion, Hugh Duff, on Wednesday could not recapture that form in yesterday's second round and went down 21-9 to Ian McDonald, of Rattray.

RESULTS: Singles: second round: T Pettigrew (Leslie) 21, A Shiels (Uddston) 11; S Thomson (Adrian) 21, D Kerr (Riverside) 1; A Poole (Pilrig) 21, G Logan (Kirkliston) 10; J Foy (Stobhill) 21, W Hunter (Stow) 17; J Dolan (Inverness) 21, G McKain (Yarrow Recreation) 19; I McDonald (Rattray) 21, W Higgins (Loanhead) 9; S Thomson (Castlepark) 21, I Sneddon (Tullibody) 19; A Bradley (Grosvenor) 21, W Hay Jr (Oban) 11; quarter-finals: Simon Thomson 21, Pettigrew 13; Poole 21, Foy 14; Dolan 21, McDonald 6; Steven Thomson 21, Bradley 3. Junior singles: second round: S Sibley (Newgate) 21, A Sneddon (Edinburgh Tramways) 15; A Clydesdale (Macmerry) 21, M Croskin (Oban) 18; R Higgins (Stranraer) 21, A Davis (Penicuik) 18; G Craig (Polmadie) 21, S Hamilton (Thornliebank) 15; G Flynn (Grangemouth) 21, C Leaver (Strathmore) 12; R Bruce (Easthouses) 21, G Livingstone (Balgonie) 14; R Graham (Lasswade) 21, W Telfer (Milton of Campsie) 13; W Killens (Port Glasgow) 21, G Thomson (Castlehill) 4; quarter-finals: Craig 21, Higgins 10; Clydesdale 21, Sibley 18; Bruce 21, Flynn 16; Killens 21, Graham 8.

EQUESTRIANISM

Dutchman leads after close finish in carriage marathon

By JENNY MACARTHUR IN STOCKHOLM

AFTER one of the closest finishes to a marathon competition, Ad Aarts, a Netherlands riding instructor driving his team of Dutch warmbloods, held on to his overnight lead in the world carriage driving championships here yesterday by the slender margin of 0.2 of a point.

Tomas Eriksson, of Sweden, and Jozsef Bozsik, of Hungary, are in second and third place, but fewer than five marks separate the top five drivers. George Bowman, Britain's national champion, lying in fifth place, could reach the medal position today if any of the riders above him make a mistake in the final phase, the obstacle driving. One fault today, when the competitors have to drive through a series of cones, adds five penalties to a driver's score.

The overnight team positions could also change today. The Dutch, the champions, have a lead of just under seven points over Sweden. The Hungarians are next, three points ahead of West Germany. Great Britain are fifth.

Britain's two best performances yesterday, came from Bowman and Peter Munt. David Saunders, the third team member, had the slowest time and was the discard score.

For Bowman, yesterday's performance was tinged with disappointement. "The horses have been going so well recently. I think I just tried too hard today. I was going into some of the hazards too fast," he said.

The eight hazards on the course, the equivalent of the cross-country fences of three-day eventing, come at the end of a gruelling 16-mile course. One penalty is awarded for every five seconds spent negotiating a hazard.

Ysbrand Chardon, of The Netherlands, the defending world champion and the first to go yesterday, put the pressure on the remaining 52 competitors with a fast attacking round marred only by a small delay at the eighth hazard when one of his leaders had a difference of opinion.

Bowman, who said that the marathon course was "not tough enough for our type of horses — it's a picnic course", recorded the fastest time of the day through the water, the third hazard, with his team of Cumberland Cobs. He had a slight delay at the fifth hazard when he had to rein back after almost going the wrong side of a post, but he otherwise completed the course without incident. Joe Moore, the British chef d'equipe, said that the course had been deliberately made easier by increasing the time allowed on some of the marathon phases in order to prevent any exhausted horses in the heat.

The most dramatic performance of the day was by Bozsik, a chirpy, 38-year-old Hungarian, with his team of "flying Lippizaners". Their exhilarating round was the fastest of the day, despite a short delay to repair some harness.

Tjeerd Velstra, a former world champion and the technical delegate here, has helped ensure an exciting final competition today by setting the track-clearance distance — the distance between the cone and the carriage wheel — at 30cm rather than 40cm, the maximum width allowed. "That would be too easy for the riders," Velstra, who used to employ Aarts as his groom, said yesterday.

RESULTS: Carriage Driving: Overnight results after marathon: 1 A Aarts (Neth), 131.2; 2 T Eriksson (Swe), 131.4; 3 J Bozsik (Hun), 131.8; 4 Y Chardon 133.0; 5 G Bowman (GB), 136.0; 6 J-E Pahlsson (Swe), 140.2. Other British placings: 17, P Munt 165.8; 26, D Saunders 169.0; 36, L Ruddman 226.3. Team placings (after marathon): 1, Netherlands 284.2; 2, Sweden 271.6; 3, Hungary 292.8; 4, West Germany 295.4; 5, Britain 301.8; 6, United States 306.2.

Whitakers will have to dig deep into reserves

From JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL and John Whitaker, of Britain, need all their skill, plus a large measure of luck, today if they are to qualify for the final stage tomorrow of the world show jumping championship.

Michael Whitaker is fifth and his brother sixth as they enter the crucial third round today, a two-part grand prix which decides the four riders who will contest the dramatic "change of horses" final in the Olympic Stadium tomorrow afternoon.

Nick Skelton, who is in 16th place, is the only other British rider competing today. David Broome just missed qualifying after finishing 24th in the team event on Thursday.

The four riders above the Whitakers — Eric Navet, of France, Greg Best, of the United States, Ludo Philippaerts, from Belgium, and Otto Becker, of West Germany — all jumped superbly on Thursday and look capable of jumping clear rounds today.

Navet, whose eight-year-old horse is in his first season of international competition, is the most likely to succumb to the pressure of the occasion. The atmosphere is heightened today by making riders go in reverse order of merit. Navet, who is lying in first place, will have to go last into the stadium.

HOCKEY

Absentees weaken tour squad

By JOYCE WHITEHEAD

THE Great Britain squad to tour New Zealand and Australia for a month, beginning in the first week in October, will be named tomorrow following a training weekend in Leicester. Twenty-six players were invited to attend from those available.

The England captain, Sandy Lister, and Vicki Dixon were two of the England team who did not put their names forward having been to Australia in May. Mandy Langridge, the youngest member of the England Squad in the World Cup, has withdrawn following an apendix operation. Jill Atkins is also a non-starter and here is posed a problem. The withdrawal of Atkins, who was willing to tour but could not get time off, must make future consent for time off work for a number of players very doubtful.

Atkins is a hockey development officer appointed by the two national associations: the Hockey Association and the All-England Women's Hockey Assocation together with Bradford Education Authority.

Cranleigh School, on tour in Australia, were very disappointed after their first match in Perth. The Presbyterian Ladies College, which included four Australian internationals, beat them 4-0, but two days later they drew 1-1 with St Mary's and went on to Melbourne.

Their first three matches in a quadrangular tournament were played on grass. They lost the first 0-1 to Geelong Grammer School, their hosts. On the artifical pitch at Royal Park they beat Methodist Ladies College 5-4 after being 3-0 down.

Their goal scorers were Jakki Hammond (2), Miranda Woodleigh, Tanya Chapman and Natalie Humphrey. They then played Geelong Grammer School on the artificial pitch and won 2-0.

RESULTS: Perth: July 24: Presbyterian Ladies College 0-4; 26: St Mary's 1-1. Melbourne Quadrangular Tournament, 29: Geelong GS 0-1, Geelong College 3-0; Morengo 0-1; Methodist Ladies College 5-4. August 1: Geelong GS 2-0.

Great Britain triallists: L Bayliss, S Brimble, G Brown, K Brown, V Hallam, F Lee, C Liddell, M Nevill, M Pickles, J Robertson, J Sbsmith, A Swindlehurst, S Wright (Eng), J Burns, J Manown (N Ire), M Coutts, W Fraser, S Lawrie, P Lyon, A Ramsay (Scot), H Morgan, K Roderick, F McCarthy, L Walton (Wales).

POLO

Alberdi carries it for Rosamundo

By JOHN WATSON

ROSAMUNDO (received ½) took on Ellerston Black at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday in the semi-finals of the Cowdray Park Challenge Cup and beat them 7½-5. The other semi-final resulted in a 10-5½ win for Santa Fe against Your Name Here (received 2½). Santa Fe meet Rosamundo for the final at 3pm on Sunday.

Rosamundo fielded Simon Tosh, from the Royal Berkshire Club, to substitute for the player-patron, David Pearl, and Santiago Socasf played instead of their injured Mexican, Antonio Herrera.

Alejandro Alberdi, the Rosamundo No. 3, who is scheduled for promotion to the top 10 handicap in October, quickly showed himself to be the most formidable man on the pitch and, with four goals from his mallet in the first couple of chukkas, Rosamundo led 4½-2 before the start of the third.

But Ellerston Black, nicely pivoted on the New Zealander, Stuart Mackenzie, fought back gallantly. Alan Kent formed his familiarly strong duo with Mackenzie and Viv Evans proved a sharp No. 1. If Mackenzie had not missed so many penalty shots Ellerston might well have overtaken. As it was, they kept closing the gap until, in the fifth and last chukka, they made it 5-5½.

But Socas and Tosh, the Rosamundo forwards who had been working increasingly well on Alberdi's axis, then scored twice to make certain of their triumph. Rod Matthews, who so distinguished himself as the all-England back at Windsor last Sunday, looked just as good in that slot for Rosamundo yesterday.

ROSAMUNDO: 1, S Tosh (2); 2, S Socas (6); 3, A Alberdi (9); back, R Matthews (4).
ELLERSTON BLACK: 1, V Evans (1); 2, A Kent (7); 3, S Mackenzie (8); back, J Gilmore (6).
YOUR NAME HERE: 1, W Lucas (5); 2, A Seavill (5); 3, J J Diaz Alberdi (6); back, E Horswell (3).
SANTA FE: 1, A Hine (5); 2, C Forsyth (8); 3, H Crotto (9); back, B Bond-Elliott (1).

German borrowed

Notts County have signed the Bayern Munich footballer, Mattius Hamann, on loan. The West German jforward, aged 22, who would cost County at least £100,000 to sign, has been on loan to Fortuna Cologne for 18 months.

Pulis taken back

Tony Pulis, the Gillingham defender, returned to Bournemouth as player-coach yesterday. Harry Redknapp, the football club's manager, plans to use Pulis as cover for his first team but sees his work with the reserves as a priority.

Yachting competition winners

Mr T.H. Vickers is the winner of *The Times'* competition offering a very special visit to Cowes Regatta as the guest of Champagne Mumm, the sponsors of the biennial Admiral's Cup series.

The prize programme for Mr Vickers and a companion will include travel to and from Cowes, accommodation on the nights of August 10 and 11, and a full day watching the racing and enjoying the hospitality. Mr Vickers lives at Marjorie Grove, London SW11.

The answers were: 1, Great Britain; 2, Mike McIntyre and Bryn Vaile; 3, 1833; 4, The Princess Royal; 5, New Zealand.

Lion hearts on winning ride to that rainbow

THE WEEK IN VIEW

KEN LAWRENCE'S guide to the best in televised sport in the week ahead

THERE is nothing very special about Richard Lionheart who runs in the Dimplex Tango Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot this afternoon. But Mills and Boon could publish a best-seller about his jockey, Gareth Charles-Jones, and the jockey's wife, Jessica.

Richard Lionheart is a 10-year-old chestnut who knows his way to the winning post in point-to-point races, was successful in a novice chase two or three years ago, and is a "very safe ride" who is gentle enough for his farmer-owner-trainer's daughter to ride around the country lanes of Devon. Over the 2 mile 5 furlongs of the 2.15 today, he has something a little less than a favourite's chance.

So much for the horse; what of the navigator...? Gareth Charles-Jones is 29 years old and slight enough to go unnoticed in any raceday crowd but with a heart almost too big for his 5ft 5in frame. A man who once fell heavily and nearly died after being kicked by passing horses and who — like a more famous jump jockey, Bob Champion — has fought and beaten cancer. But apart from waging his personal campaign against the disease over these past horrendous 16 months, Charles-Jones has been sharing his life with a wife who for nearly two years has been paralysed. On Thursday *On the Line* (BBC 2, 8.25pm) tells the story of Gareth and Jessica, sport's most courageous couple.

Their lives were linked in that time-honoured way — love at first sight — at Chepstow. That was their first meeting; a hurdle race which Gareth actually won and in which Jessica, then a 19-year-old conditional jockey, daughter of a Tavistock farmer-owner-trainer called George Turner, followed a distance behind.

Within a couple of years, they were married and the only ups and downs of life were on the National Hunt racing tracks. That is, until in October almost two years ago, Jessica had a crashing fall at Southwell, was taken to hospital and awoke to learn that she was paralysed.

Almost before they had restructured their lives to cope with this tragedy, Gareth was taken ill. Seven months after Jessica's fall, he organised a holiday in Ibiza, did not really feel like going, but "didn't wish to spoil the holiday". So he arranged to see the doctor on their return. The diagnosis was as he feared, cancer.

It would have been enough to destroy some marriages; yet somehow these two nursed each other, propping each other up emotionally and physically. "It was a pretty terrible time," Jessica recalls. They had to move home from near Lambourne to Letcombe Regis in Oxfordshire to find a house which could accommodate Jessica's wheelchair, and "Gareth's treatment was not very nice," she adds.

"We cried as little as possible. It was so bad at times ... You had to be hard to get through it. But we tried to smile and be cheerful. If we weren't, people would not have come to see us. Now, fingers crossed, everything is OK with Gareth. He has to be checked on for another five years or so but we think he is over it. As for me, I think there may have been fractional improvement. I am having acupuncture now and I am still hoping ..."

Hope for Jessica means simply being able to sit on a horse once more in her life. For Gareth it means being able to emulate Bob Champion and also ride in the Grand National: that is the next ambition. However emotional the name of today's mount, Richard Lionheart, nothing can be read into it: "It just happens to be owned and trained by Jessica's father, George, down in Tavistock," he laughs. "I won't mind if I finish last.

"Getting aboard will be fantastic — a bit like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." But, even as Gareth says it, you know that in reality it is just the first step towards the foot of that rainbow.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

TODAY: Remember you are watching 2,200 athletes with disabilities rather than disabled athletes in the 1990 Special Olympics. It will be another heart-warmer from *Grandstand* in Glasgow (BBC1, 12.30-5.05).

TOMORROW: Near to quitting for lack of cash, Britain's Steve Webster is now in sight of his fourth world sidecar championship: the British grand prix in Donington today should provide another victory. BBC and Eurosport have live cover, even though, ironically, Webster will be carrying SSB colours; the satellite station sponsors him. (BBC2 from 1.25, Eurosport from 12.30).

MONDAY: Thousands have tried and hundreds have died attempting to climb the north face of the Matterhorn. In 90 minutes, Eurosport (12.30-2pm) covers an ascent and a descent. Gripping stuff. If you are without Sky, then take in the hour-long highlights from Stockholm of the World Equestrian Games (BBC2, 4pm).

TUESDAY: The first of two very quiet days. Best today could be the rugby union highlights featuring Scotland and New Zealand, France and Australia and England in Argentina (BBB, 5pm).

WEDNESDAY: There is dirty business underwater — live cover of the Nations Cup water polo in Rome (Eurosport, 7pm).

THURSDAY: India's batsmen are as entertaining as any; are their bowlers good enough to salvage the Test series, however? The second Test begins at Old Trafford today. Juggle the buttons between BBC1 and 2 and you can see every ball (from 10.50am on 2).

FRIDAY: Can Nick Faldo win the final golf major of the year? This is the second day of the US PGA championship at Shoal Creek. BBB has exclusive live cover on all four days. Tony Jacklin and Bernard Gallacher commentate and Faldo himself adds hole-by-hole analysis. (BBB, 6-midnight). If you are dishless, BBC has the two van Damme athletics meeting from Brussels at 7.40.

SQUASH RACKETS

England provide all semi-finalists

From COLIN MCQUILLAN IN PADERBORN, WEST GERMANY

WHILE England were celebrating a guaranteed winner 48 hours ahead of today's final of the AOK world junior championship, the Kuwaitis and Pakistanis had other things to occupy their thoughts.

There are four teenage Kuwaiti boys conducting themselves with splendid competitive verve here. The youngest, Ahmed Sultan, aged 12, was player of the day after his courageous battle against the gangling Jan Dillner, aged 19, of Germany.

On Thursday, while England's under-19 squad were winning all four semi-final places, Sultan and his colleagues were desperately trying to contact friends and relations back home.

"We must accept their entry and remain flexible as to participation," Karl Heinz Balner, the championship controller, said.

The International Squash Rackets Federation had yesterday still not officially received the affiliation fees that would allow Pakistan to participate in the team championships which start today.

Pakistan performed poorly in the individual event. Their two best players, Zubair Jahan and Abdul Rasheed, were among the victims of the English assault, respectively going down in four games to David Campion and Simon Parke.

"It was a great day for England," Jonah Barrington, the team coach, said. "I am not sure that this is not the best day English squash has ever produced. I have been waiting ten years for this breakthrough. These boys were on my earliest junior squads as far back as 1980."

Parke, aged 17, and the top seed, resisted a sparkling early challenge from Rasheed to reach a semi-final against Aiden Harrison, an 18-year-old fellow Yorkshireman, who beat the leading Australian, Nathan Gallagher. Campion, another Yorkshireman, who will be 19 on team finals day, overcame mid-match nerves to beat Jahan and face Mark Allen, aged 18, from Essex.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: S Parke (Eng) bt A Rasheed (Pak), 9-2, 7-9, 9-1, 9-0; A Harrison (Eng) bt N Gallagher (Aus), 9-3, 9-3, 3-9, 10-9; M Allen (Eng) bt G Hixon (Aus), 9-7, 9-1, 9-3; D Campion (Eng) bt Z Jahan (Pak), 9-0, 1-9, 9-4, 9-1.

TENNIS

Bates through as Jacques takes a look

JEREMY Bates, the British No. 1, was watched by Warren Jacques, the Davis Cup team manager, as he moved into the semi-finals of the Northumberland Open in Newcastle yesterday.

Bates, the No. 1 seed, beat Nigel Russell in straights sets and meets Johan Anderson, who had a comfortable victory over Lee Galway, of New Zealand.

Peter Doohan, of Australia, and Slobodan Zivojinovic, the Yugoslav Davis Cup player, meet in the other semi-final.

RESULTS (British unless stated): **Men's singles: Quarter-finals:** J Bates bt N Russell, 6-2, 6-3; J Anderson (Aus) bt L Galway (NZ), 6-1, 6-2; P Doohan (Aus) bt J Goodall, 6-3, 6-4; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt S Cole, 6-4, 6-4. **Women's singles: semi-finals:** A Simpkin bt C Billingham, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; J Louis bt A Fleming, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The Queen Mother's love of jump racing still shines after forty years of changing fortunes

In the realm of hope and glory

By GRAHAM ROCK

NATIONAL Hunt racing is not an activity for the faint-hearted; it offers a unique blend of hope and heartbreak which delivers agony and ecstasy in proportions which soon drive out all but the faithful.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, has described ownership as 80 per cent disappointment. Fortunately for us the 20 per cent elation has ensured that she has remained the sport's most famous and most popular supporter for more than 40 years.

Stories of her betting are an apocryphal tabloid dream, although her welcome first task of the day is to read through *The Sporting Life* and she sees her horses run whenever official duties permit. It is a relaxation she treasures. The early triumphs are part of racing legend: Monaveen, her first horse, was owned in partnership with the then Princess Elizabeth and won the inaugural running of the Queen Elizabeth Cup at Hurst Park on New Year's Eve in 1949.

Manicou was bought from the exors of the late Lord Mildmay of Flete, the champion amateur rider who had been Queen Elizabeth's racing manager; he was drowned swimming off the Devon coast. Known as the last of the Corinthians, and worthy of that accolade before usage devalued the word to mean any sportsman who consented to play within the rules, he was the inspiration of her patronage.

As a five-year-old, Manicou put up a remarkable performance to beat the future Gold Cup winners Silver Fame and Knock Hard in the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day, 1950. Thereafter Manicou's achievements were curtailed by persistent leg injuries, but on that day he gave Queen Elizabeth, and the Kempton Christmas crowd, a scintillating 10 minutes. The celebrations were short-lived, however, as Monaveen broke a leg and had to be put down a few days later.

The human preoccupation with the bizarre suggests that Devon Loch is likely to remain Queen Elizabeth's most famous horse. A high-class chaser, he will be remembered for not winning the 1956 Grand National. Clear on the run-in, he collapsed onto his belly less than 50 yards from the winning post when he and Dick Francis had the glittering prize within their grasp.

A generation later it is still impossible to identify the cause of Devon Loch's extraordinary behaviour. Francis has always believed that the roar of the Aintree crowd cheering home a Royal winner was loud enough to terrify his mount. "The calamity which overtook us was sudden, terrible and completely without warning," he wrote later.

Queen Elizabeth received the shock with equanimity and later wrote to her trainer Peter Cazalet: "I am sure that you know how deeply I feel for you. I am beginning to learn more of the immense amount of thought and work that goes into the preparation of a horse for racing and I can understand a little of the anguish you must have felt at such a cruel blow. I send my heartfelt sympathy to you and all in the Fairlawne stable. We will not be done in by this, and will just keep on trying."

Queen Elizabeth has not yet won a Grand National, but in the years after Devon Loch, she and Cazalet enjoyed several seasons of unbroken success. Many days burn bright in the mind but none more than December 9, 1961 when The Rip, Double Star and Laffy completed a Royal treble in just over an hour at Lingfield, and provided a memorable highlight to Queen Elizabeth's annual weekend at Cazalet's country estate.

She was a regular visitor to Fairlawne. Not content with looking at her own horses, she toured round every box, chatted to all the lads, and surprised them with her knowledge of the form.

Laffy provided another enduring memory when winning the Ulster Harp National at Downpatrick in 1962, despite crossing the line in second place behind the erratic Connkehely, who had missed out a fence.

When the crowd realised that Laffy had won, they surged forward and mobbed the winning owner. Her bodyguard was lost in the melee and while Queen Elizabeth survived intact, the same could not be said of Laffy, who looked distinctly ruffled by the time the crowd had dispersed carrying souvenir hairs from his mane and tail.

The Rip was a particular favourite. Bred by Jack Irwin, who owned the Red Cat Hotel at North Wootton, near Sandringham, this big, slashing chaser often wore blinkers, but none doubted his courage. He won 13 races.

Inch Arran's victory in the Topham Trophy of 1973 was the 250th sent out by Peter Cazalet for Queen Elizabeth, and his last. He died the following May and the 17 Royal horses were transferred to Fulke Walwyn at Lambourn.

The scale of the operation was reduced, but the winners kept coming, including Tammuz in the Schweppes Gold Trophy and Special Cargo by a short head in one of the greatest Whitbread Gold Cups. On another tingling afternoon at Sandown four years ago, Insular, trained by Ian Balding, won the Imperial Cup while Special Cargo, together with The Argonaut, completed a treble in Queen Elizabeth's blue, buff and black colours.

Fulke Walwyn recently retired and the licence has been taken over by his wife, Cath, but the Royal string remains at Saxon House and Queen Elizabeth will start the new jump season with seven horses, including the promising Dudley.

The Argonaut's win at Sandown this spring was her 380th jumping success, and Queen Elizabeth has also owned two winners on the flat including Bali Ha'i III, a surprise gift from Sir Ernest Davis. In 1959, this tough stayer took the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Queen Elizabeth has always preferred the informality of jump racing. Sandown and Newbury are, perhaps, her favourite racecourses. She used to travel to Newbury by train, and on more than one occasion the Royal party spent the journey rocking with laughter at the jokes of Captain Charles Moore, manager of the Royal studs.

If The Rip was her favourite horse, Game Spirit came a close second. A bold, free-running steeplechaser, he won 21 of his 47 races but collapsed and died after competing in the Geoffrey Gilbey Chase at Newbury in 1977.

The post mortem revealed not only a haemorrhage of the lungs which had brought about his demise, but clear evidence of internal bleeding during previous races.

Game Spirit; an appropriate name for the horse but the personification of its owner.

Team meeting: the Queen Mother talks with jockey Kevin Mooney, trainer Fulke Walwyn and his wife, Cath

Carson bounces back after ban

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

WILLIE Carson certainly had a taste of the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune during another sweltering afternoon at glorious Goodwood yesterday.

In the space of three races, the jockey of the moment earned a four-day suspension for careless riding, won the day's big race on Kawtuban and then finished a well-beaten third on Hateel, the favourite in the Schroders Glorious Stakes.

However, on balance the bustling 47-year-old Scot had a successful afternoon as a later success on Alnab for John Dunlop in the Chichester Stakes saw Carson finish the day with six winners at the meeting, two ahead of John Reid in the fight for the Ritz Club Trophy, awarded to the leading rider at the meeting.

"It's all part of the ups and downs of the game," said Carson, resignedly, after his mount, Jimmy Barnie, had been disqualified and placed last of the four runners in the Molecomb Stakes. "They said that I made little attempt to stop the horse hanging. But I've done worse things and got away with it, so I've no complaint."

The four-runner group three five-furlong sprint for two-year-olds certainly produced a thrilling affair. Jimmy Barnie mastered the early leader, It's All Academic, a furlong from home and then held on to his lead to beat the fast-finishing Poets Cove by half a length with It's All Academic 1½ lengths away third, only a short head in front of Seductress.

After a lengthy stewards' enquiry Jimmy Barnie was demoted to last place and the race therefore awarded to Poets Cove. Carson was stood down for four days for careless riding, the sentence to run from August 12 to 15 inclusive.

Explaining their decision, Peter Steveney, the senior steward's secretary, said: "There were two separate incidents. In the first, Jimmy Barnie interfered first with Seductress and then with It's All Academic. In the second incident, Poets Cove marginally brushed It's All Academic when coming through to take second place. But it was considered that this interference had been accidental and had not improved Poets Cove's placing.

Watching the video recording of the race, it was obvious that one of the reasons for the ban had been that Carson, who had been on the outside of the field on Jimmy Barnie, had been riding with his whip in his right hand and had made no attempt to transfer it.

The stewards also interviewed Reid and asked the rider of Poets Cove to explain his use of the whip in the closing stages. However, the jockey said that the had been told to handle Poets Cove vigorously, as the two-year-old was lazy. He also added that Poets Cove had responded to the use of the whip. The stewards accepted this explanation.

Although Poets Cove's connections may have been surprised by the promotion to first place, the victory had been well anticipated in the market, the price of the early-season conqueror of Mac's Imp having been forced from 10-1 to 11-2.

Yesterday's winner's dam was originally bought for 500 guineas at the Ascot sales as a polo pony for Charles Cruden, who owns the winner in partnership with his father Peter, the polo manager at Cowdray Park.

Carson's win on Kawtuban, who was blinkered for the first time in the Leslie and Godwin Spitfire Stakes, was an extraordinary affair to watch.

The race looked all over when Pat Eddery persuaded Aromatic to quicken and go clear entering the last furlong, but Kawtuban kept plugging away and got up close home to win by a neck. Baylis finished third, three lengths further away in front of Red Toto.

Roger Charlton trained the winner for Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum. "He's very lazy and we put blinkers on him today to help him to concentrate," said the trainer.

Charlton also had news of his classic colts. "Quest For Fame starts strong work this weekend. We probably won't get him ready in time for the Great Voltigeur at York. Sanglamore is still bit shouldery. He's been swimming at Manton. Whether he runs in either the Great Voltigeur or the International depends entirely on the ground as he needs some give in it. Deploy is being trained for the St Leger. If he doesn't run in the Great Voltigeur, he'll go to Newbury for the Geoffrey Freer.

Hateel, Carson's mount in the Glorious Stakes, was clearly feeling the effects of his busy and successful season and never looked like getting in the race as Lanfranco Dettori drove the Luca Cumani-trained Hajade home 2½ lengths clear of Spinning.

Steve Cauthen had his only winner of the afternoon when driving Southern Sky to the front close home to win a desperate affair for the Richmond Towers Diamond Jubilee Stakes. And Guy Harwood had his first success at the local meeting when Ray Cochrane and Polish Patriot made no mistake about justifying 7-4 favouritism in the concluding Selsey Maiden Stakes.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The blazon-faced Jimmy Barnie was demoted after beating eventual winner, Poets Cove (right), in the Molecomb Stakes

Boutin colt to outpace British duo

From OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DEAUVILLE

MACHIAVELLIAN can claw back some of the reputation dented in the English and Irish Guineas by outspeeding the British raiders, Dead Certain and Rock City, in the group two Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville tomorrow.

While Machiavellian stays a mile perfectly well, it is likely that Francois Boutin's colt will be able to utilise his impressive speed better over tomorrow's trip of 6½ furlongs.

In a five-horse line-up, in which tactics must play a major role, Machiavellian faces the talented duo of Rock City and Dead Certain.

Rock City (Willie Carson) has been a model of consistency this season and can be counted somewhat unlucky when beaten less than a length into third place in the July Cup at Newmarket last month, in which Dead Certain was nearly 11 lengths back in sixth.

However, not only is Dead Certain 5lb better off this time with Rock City, but David Elsworth's filly is likely to have much more opportunity to settle early on here.

With Dominique Boeuf taking over on Pole Position, this leaves Cash Asmussen free to renew his partnership on Dead Certain, on whom he won last October's group one Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket.

Alec Stewart and Michael Roberts look to have an excellent prospects of Al Maheb taking the earlier Prix Kergorlay, an extremely weak-looking group two race in which Ian Balding's St Leger Italiano winner Parting Moment (Bruce Raymond) is chosen for the forecast. British interests are also represented by Beauchamp Express (Willie Carson).

Al Maheb was tremendously impressive when landing a gamble in last month's Northumberland Plate, beating Dance Spectrum by 1½ lengths.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Ripon, Newton Abbot, †Nottingham.
TUESDAY: Brighton, Redcar, †Nottingham.
WEDNESDAY: †Kempton, Pontefract, Brighton, Devon.
THURSDAY: Brighton, Pontefract, Devon, †Uttoxeter.
FRIDAY: †Newmarket, Redcar, †Haydock, Plumpton, Market Rasen.
SATURDAY: Newmarket, Haydock Park, Redcar, †Lingfield Park, †Southwell, †Windsor.
National Hunt meetings in bold.
† Denotes evening meeting.

Results from yesterday's afternoon meetings

Goodwood

Going: good to firm, str; firm, rnd

2.30 MOLECOMB STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £18,194: 5f)

POETS COVE b c Bay Express - Miss Milton (P Cruden) 8-12 J Reid (11-2) 1.
It's All Academic b f Mazaad - Princess Of Nashua (Academy Leasing Ltd) 8-7 Pat Eddery (6-5 fav) 2.
Seductress ch f Known Fact - Much Too Risky (J Greetham) 8-10 W R Swinburn (9-4) 3.

ALSO RAN: 7 Jimmy Barnie (4th). 4 ran. ½l, 1½l, sh hd. W Carter at Epsom. Tote: £6.50. DF: £3.90. CSF: £11.23. After stewards enquiry Jimmy Barnie, who finished first, was disqualified. 57.53sec

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, KAWTUBAN (W Carson, 7-1); 2, Aromatic (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 3, Baylis (L Dettori, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Red Toto (4th). 25 Petipa (5th), Stella Blanca (6th), Millfields Lady, 33 Royal Verse. 8 ran. Hd, 3l, 2½l, 6l, 4l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £7.50; £1.80, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £15.30. CSF: £31.68. Tricast: £180.69. 2min 8.12sec.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, HAJADE (L Dettori, 6-4); 2, Spinning (S O'Gorman, 9-2); 3, Hateel (W Carson, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 16 Timide Espion (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, 15l, 25l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90. DF: £4.80. CSF: £7.01. 2min 31.84sec.

4.15 (7f) 1, SOUTHERN SKY (S Cauthen, 3-1 fav); 2, Boysham (T Williams, 7-2); 3, Eurolink The Lad (W Carson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Scarlet Holly (6th). 9-2 Mizuwan (5th), 8 Letubeonestabount (4th). 6 ran. 1l, 1l, nk, ½l, 2l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £6.00. CSF: £12.46. 1min 27.21sec.

Dettori: success at Goodwood with Hajade

4.45 (7f) 1, ALNAAB (W Carson, 11-10 fav); 2, Fly Away Soon (T Quinn, 100-30); 3, Father Figure (B Rouse, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Walim (5th), 12 Lord Oberon (4th), 20 Kalinin, 33 Designer Stubble (6th). 7 ran. 2½l, 1l, ¾l, 4l, 6l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £2.50. DF: £4.30. CSF: £4.95. 1min 27.43sec.

5.20 (5f) 1, POLISH PATRIOT (R Cochrane, 7-4 fav); 2, Samurai Gold (J Williams, 9-1); 3, Mujaazif (W R Swinburn, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Shedad (4th), 8 Colombian Gold (4th), 66 Dovesgate, Tellmeabount (6th). 7 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 4l, dead heat. 13. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £3.40. DF: £16.40. CSF: £14.89. 1min 11.17sec.

Jackpot: £14,438.10. Placepot: £571.20.

Thirsk

Going: firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Indigo (A Culhane, 7-2); 2, Sir Harry Hardman (2-1 fav); 3, Gorinsky (7-2). 7 ran. NR: Dashing Prince. Hd, sh hd. R Whitaker. Tote: £4.20; £2.20, £2.10. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10.38. Tricast: £22.31.

2.50 (1m 4f) 1, Corn Lily (Kim Tinkler, 10-11 fav); 2, The Healy (12-1); 3, Lucky Barnes (7-2). 5 ran. 2½l, 3l. N Tinkler. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £3.40. DF: £5.40. CSF: £9.79. Bought in 5,200gns.

3.20 (7f) 1, Adwick Park (Dean McKeown, 7-2 fav); 2, Fyas (12-1); 3, Swiss Beauty (10-1). 16 ran. 4l, hd. T Barron. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £2.60, £3.80. DF: £20.00. CSF: £49.37.

3.55 (5f) 1, Singing Star (S Webster, 10-1); 2, Pussy Foot (11-4); 3, Bells Saville (11-2). Ever Reckless 5-5 fav. 6 ran. NR: Great Chaddington, Highland Rowena. 5l, 1½l. J Balding. Tote: £12.40; £2.40, £1.60. DF: £15.00. CSF: £36.06. Tricast: £154.31.

4.25 (1m) 1, Barney O'Neill (A Dobbin, 9-4 fav); 2, Nasmoe (9-1); 3, Hickory Wind (7-1). 6 ran. Nk, nk. J J O'Neill. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £2.50. DF: £15.40. CSF: £18.13. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.55 (2m) 1, High Spirited (G Carter, 6-4 fav); 2, Ile De Rane (4-1); 3, Elegant Monarch (11-4). 6 ran. 2½l, sh hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £2.50. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.51.

Placepot: £96.30.

Bangor

Going: good to firm

3.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Singing Flame (P Verrang, 33-1); 2, Doromburn (4-1), Mister Feathers 4-6 fav. 5 ran. NR: Oisins Castle. 7l. J O'Shea. Tote: £23.00; £5.10, £2.00. DF: £26.40. CSF: £134.98. Only two finished.

4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Palm Lad (N Doughty, 4-1); 2, Royal Hunt (33-1); 3, Smoke (3-1 jt-fav). King Of The Clouds 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. 2½l, 3l, ¾l, 4l, 7l. G Richards. Tote: £7.10; £3.30, £7.00, £1.90. DF: £36.60. CSF: £119.61.

4.50 (3m ch) 1, The Langholm Dyer (L O'Hara, 8-13 fav); 2, Tara Boy (9-1); 3, Speech (7-4). 4 ran. 3l, 15l. G Richards. Tote: £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £5.64. Only three finished.

5.20 (2m hdle) 1, Baberoonta Paradise (R Dunwoody, 100-30); 2, Iearnafordh (H Davies, 20-1); 3, Gordano (N Mann, 11-2). Hot Performer 9-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Goadby Venture. 4l, 8l, 20l, 1½l, 4l. J Jenkins. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £3.00, £2.10. DF: £19.50. CSF: £83.67.

5.50 (2m ch) 1, Deep Dark Dawn (R Supple, 5-2); 2, Hill Beagle (3-1); 3, Mistini (14-1). Pinemartin 6-4 fav. 5 ran. 8l, dist. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £5.00. SF: £9.54.

Print favours Indigo

THE deceptive angle of the finish at Thirsk caught plenty of racegoers out at the end of the Lewis Geipel Memorial Challenge Cup Nursery yesterday.

Francis Lee, the trainer of Sir Harry Hardman, was convinced his runner had got up in the dying strides to deny Indigo.

But the print showed Indigo in front by as much as a head, with the third, Gorinsky, a short head behind the two top weights.

Indigo's owner, local steward David Brotherton, was another spectator unsure of the outcome. "I didn't think Indigo had won", he admitted.

A drop back to selling company proved ideal for Corn Lily, who only needed to be ridden out hands and heels to justify odds-on favouritism in the Golden Fleece Selling Stakes.

Her trainer Nigel Tinkler said his filly is so badly handicapped that she has to be confined to claiming and selling company.

Not surprisingly, there was some interest at the subsequent auction but Tinkler eventually bought his winner in for 5,200 guineas.

Fine opportunity for Moon Cactus

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

MOON Cactus has an excellent chance of winning the Vodafone Nassau Stakes at Goodwood today now that her talented stable companion Rafha is not running as well, and she is napped to make the most of it.

When they both contested the French Oaks at Chantilly in June, Moon Cactus was beaten 2½ lengths by Rafha, who had earlier won the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom and the Lingfield Oaks trial.

However, there is a form line involving Game Plan and Knight's Baroness that lends credence to the view that Moon Cactus was not seen at her best in France. Earlier in the season, she had won the Lupe Stakes over today's course and distance by giving Game Plan 6lb and a comfortable beating.

Game Plan later finished second to Salsabil in the Oaks before winning the Pretty Polly Stakes in Ireland. At Epsom, she finished a length in front of the subsequent Irish Oaks winner Knight's Baroness, who had herself run Rafha to a neck in May, albeit when receiving weight.

Yesterday, George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, added his weight to the view that Moon Cactus is better than she appeared in France, by reporting that she has gone consistently better than Rafha in their recent workouts together.

So, Moon Cactus looks poised to pick up the winning thread on a course where she was also successful as a two-year-old even though stern opposition can be expected from those talented older fillies Alcando and Starlet.

Alcando had been placed in similar races which were also contested by colts at Sandown and Ayr this season, while Starlet made the useful three-year-Theatrical Charmer look very ordinary indeed at Kempton last time.

As Starlet has been tested in foal to Sharrood, this could well be her swansong as far as racing is concerned. Judged on the way that she burst clear of her rivals in the straight at Kempton, Steve Cauthen will not be able to afford to give Starlet too much rope

When Mamaluna won the corresponding race last year, the opposition was not as stiff as it is now. For Kartajana this represents a hard comeback after an appalling run in the Oaks. Good filly that she looked at Newbury before that, she has still to show that she is in the same class as Moon Cactus.

On the day that the Queen Mother celebrates her ninetieth birthday, a royal winner would be singularly appropriate. In addition to Starlet, the Queen's colours will also be carried at Goodwood by Unknown Quantity in the Racal Chesterfield Cup.

But as there is nothing between Unknown Quantity and Song of Sixpence on form (Unknown Quantity is now 3lb better off for that 1½-length beating at Ascot last Saturday), I must look elsewhere for the likely winner and to **Parador** in particular. He was considered unlucky not to beat the subsequent Magnet Cup winner Eradicate in the Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar in May.

From Newmarket there is a strong tip that True Dividend, from Luca Cumani's stable, will be a thorn in everybody's side.

At Newmarket, I like the look of that evergreen jockey Bruce Raymond's chance of landing a treble on **Shout Fore** (2.45), **Joli's Princess** (4.20) and **Self Expression** (4.20).

No matter what happens at Goodwood, there should be a royal celebration, not inappropriately at Windsor's evening meeting, where **Once Upon A Time** (7.20) and **Full Orchestra** (8.20) are taken to give the Queen a double.

Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 3.10 Alcando. THIRSK: 3.55 Express Account. NEWMARKET: 2.45 Bustala. WINDSOR: 6.55 Carfield Lad, Whitton Lad.

GOODWOOD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Majlood.
2.30 Parador.
3.10 MOON CACTUS (nap).
3.45 Almasa.
4.15 Be Fresh.
4.45 Halston Prince.
5.20 Gadabout.

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2.00 MAJLOOD (nap).
2.30 True Dividend.
3.10 Moon Cactus.
3.45 Sir Bancroft.
4.15 Be Fresh.
4.45 Thakib.
5.20 Jamin.

By Michael Seely
2.30 TRUE DIVIDEND (nap). 3.10 Moon Cactus.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 STARLET.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm, straight course; firm, round SIS
Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best

2.0 VODAPAGE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,420: 6f) (8 runners) BBC1

101 (4) AIR TIME (Quartet Racing) P Mitchell 9-0 .... G Carter —
102 (5) BALAAT (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 .... W Carson —
103 (3) CELERY SALT (Lady Chelsea) J Dunlop 9-0 .... R Cochrane —
104 (1) HEART OF DARKNESS (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 .... S Cauthen —
105 (8) MAJLOOD (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 .... W R Swinburn —
106 (6) PETRACO (B Hampson) L Codd 9-0 .... N Carlisle —
107 (2) SMASH DANCE (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-0 .... J Williams —
108 (7) BOLD ARABELLA (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 9-0 .... Pat Eddery —

BETTING: 5-2 Majlood, 3-1 Balaat, 4-1 Heart Of Darkness, 5-1 Celery Salt, Bold Arabella, 12-1 Air Time, Smash Dance, 20-1 Petraco.

1989: THEHOOL 9-0 W R Swinburn (Evens fav) M Stoute 7 ran

BOLD ARABELLA (foaled May 20) by Never So Bold out of Nativity, a Native Royalty mare who won over 5f as a juvenile. A half-sister to Fearless Native, 1m 6f winner and Native Chieftain.

CELERY SALT (May 6) by sprinter Miswaki out of an unraced half-sister to Enstone Park by Sea Bird II. Half-brother to four winners including Italian Derby 3rd Sea's Valley, successful in 9 races in France and Italy of which 4 were Listed. Cost IR32,000gns as a yearling. HEART OF DARKNESS (Feb 11) by Glint Of Gold and first foal of Land Of Ivory. Is in the Dewhurst Stakes.

MAJLOOD (Mar 13) by Danzig out of Qui Royalty, a very useful daughter of Native Royalty who won 5 races in the States at upto a mile. A brother to smart juvenile 6f winner Qui Danzig and half-brother to the top class Bakharoff, 5f-1m winner as a juvenile including group 1 company. Cost £2,100,000 as a yearling and is still in the Middle Park and Dewhurst Stakes.

No Selection

2.30 RACAL CHESTERFIELD CUP (Handicap: £22,515: 1m 2f) (7 runners) BBC1

201 (3) 10-0400 MONASTERY 21 (CD,F,S) (J Aisenheim) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-10 .... J Reid 93
202 (2) 110-032 UNKNOWN QUANTITY 7 (D,G,S) (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 5-9-9 .. W Carson 94
203 (5) 300001 JEHOL 14 (D,F) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-9 .... G Carter 92
204 (7) 3180-12 PARADOR 63 (D,BF,F) (A Speelman) G Harwood 4-9-6 .... R Cochrane 90
205 (6) 461011 SONG OF SIXPENCE 7 (D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-9-5 .... S Cauthen 94
206 (1) 340101 TRUE DIVIDEND 24 (D,F) (North Ridge Farm) L Cumani 4-9-3 .... L Dettori 96
207 (4) 401300 FIRE TOP 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 5-9-1 .... Pat Eddery ● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Unknown Quantity, 7-2 Parador, 4-1 Song Of Sixpence, 5-1 True Dividend, 7-1 Jehol, 10-1 Monastery, 12-1 Fire Top.

1989: PELORUS 4-10-0 B Rouse (11-1) W Jarvis 10 ran

FORM FOCUS JEHOL comfortably beat Jalmusique ½l at Ripon (1m 2f, good to firm).
PARADOR beat Absent Lover 4l in a 10-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd) also did not have a clear run when ¾l 2nd to Eradicate in the Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar (1m 2f, firm).
SONG OF SIXPENCE completed a quick handicap double when beating UNKNOWN QUANTITY (3lb better off) 1½l at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm) with FIRE TOP (10lb better off) 17½l 8th; previously beat Lots Of Luck ¾l at Ayr (1m 2f, firm). TRUE DIVIDEND lost his maiden status with a 12l defeat of Marine Diver in a 5-runner apprentice race at Brighton (1m 2f, firm); latest made all to beat Pandy 5l in a 9-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, firm).
FIRE TOP 9½l 3rd of 10 to Starlet in a listed race at Kempton (1m 2f, good) with MONASTERY (6lb worse off) 5½l 6th and JEHOL (8lb worse off) 8th; previously beat Gran Alba 1½l at Epsom (1m 2f, good) with UNKNOWN QUANTITY 11th.
Selection: SONG OF SIXPENCE

3.10 VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES (Group II: fillies: £54,070: 1m 2f) (6 runners) BBC1

301 (1) 010-032 ALCANDO 21 (B,D,G,S) (N Cowan) C James 4-9-1 .... T Quinn 91
302 (2) 42140-0 MAMALUNA 20 (CD,F,G,S) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 4-9-1 ... R Cochrane 90
303 (4) 4/4310-0 SHYOUSHKA 38 (D,F) (Mrs C Collins) H Cecil 4-9-1 .... W Carson 88
304 (6) 6-00111 STARLET 36 (D,F,G) (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 4-9-1 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
305 (3) 110 KARTAJANA 56 (D,F,G) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-6 .... W R Swinburn 91
306 (5) 2112-12 MOON CACTUS 55 (CD,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-6 .... S Cauthen 94

BETTING: 6-4 Moon Cactus, 5-2 Starlet, 5-1 Kartajana, 6-1 Alcando, Mamaluna, 10-1 Shyoushka.

1989: MAMALUNA 3-8-6 G Starkey (9-1) G Harwood 5 ran

FORM FOCUS ALCANDO ran well when 2l 2nd of 7 to Husyan in a group III at Ayr (1m 2f, good). The ground may be too firm for her.
MAMALUNA, successful in this race last year by 1½l from Lady Shipley (firm), ran well below form on reappearance in group I event at Capannelle (1m 2f, soft) finishing 27½l 6th of 9 to Tisserand.
STARLET recorded her fourth success of the season when beating Theatrical Charmer 8l in a Listed race at Kempton (1m 2f, good) with SHYOUSHKA (3lb better off) 8l back in 7th. KARTAJANA successful at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm) and Newbury (1m 2f, good) on the latter course beating Katsina in a 6-runner listed event; latest ran deplorably when 42l last of 8 to Salsabil in the Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f, good to soft).
MOON CACTUS 2nd to Rafha in the French Oaks at Chantilly (1m 2f).
Selection: MOON CACTUS (nap)

3.45 VODATA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £6,368: 7f) (10 runners)

401 (2) 91 LEITRIM PRIDE 21 (D,G) (Gallagher Contractors Ltd) G Lewis 9-7 Pat Eddery 98
402 (8) 2253 PAY HOMAGE 24 (Miss A Hill) I Balding 9-4 .... S Cauthen 87
403 (6) 10U542 ALMASA 6 (G) (M Nasher) J Fox 9-2 .... J Williams ● 99
404 (4) 41 SIR BANCROFT 53 (F) (D Price) H Collingridge 8-13 .... J Quinn 93
405 (9) 311 SIPSI FACH 14 (D,F) (W Joyce) M Bell 8-12 .... J Weaver (7) 93
406 (3) 0154 PORT VAUBAN 21 (F) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 8-10 .... Dale Gibson (3) 97
407 (1) 043 GREENHILLS LAD 21 (Thornfield Securities) R Akehurst 8-10 .... J Reid 88
408 (10) 5311 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 19 (D,F,G) (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 8-5 W Carson 93
409 (5) 540 GOLDEN GENERAL 39 (J Baring) W Wightman 8-2 .... R Fox 93
410 (7) 0003 MAMALAMA 11 (Mrs S Cook) L Holt 8-0 .... T Williams 96

BETTING: 4-1 Leitrim Pride, 5-1 Whippers Delight, 6-1 Sipsi Fach, 7-1 Sir Bancroft, 8-1 Pay Homage, Port Vauban, Golden General, Almasa, 10-1 Mamalama, 14-1 Greenhills Lad.

1989: NATIVE TRIBE 9-7 W R Swinburn (4-1 fav) B Hanbury 13 ran

4.15 TURF CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (£6,056: 6f) (7 runners)

501 (4) 51100-0 BE FRESH 43 (D,G) (Dr M Boffa) L Cumani 4-9-8 .... L Dettori 91
502 (3) 104006 GREEN DOLLAR 4 (CD,F,G) (B Azamoudeh) E Wheeler 7-9-3 .... S Dawson 81
503 (5) 310020 PROHIBITION 4 (CD,F,G,S) (J Brown) J Berry 3-8-13 .... W Carson 96
504 (2) 000082 MURMURING 9 (D) (J Redmond) S Dow 4-8-8 .... C Campbell (7) 90
505 (6) 603004 RESTORE 32 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Khan) G Lewis 7-8-6 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
506 (1) 005353 DISCO 8 (B,D,G) (J Good) M Jarvis 5-8-4 .... D Biggs (5) 71
507 (7) 102-000 GALACTIC SCHEME 14 (D,F) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-2 ..... Dale Gibson (3) 88

BETTING: 3-1 Restore, 4-1 Prohibition, Be Fresh, 11-2 Disco, 6-1 Murmuring, Green Dollar, 14-1 Galactic Scheme.

1989: MADRACO 6-8-12 S Cauthen (2-1) L Codd 9 ran

4.45 SURPLICE STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,952: 1m) (6 runners)

601 (2) 1-200 RAJ WAKI 60 (C,F) (R Tatano) G Harwood 9-10 .... R Cochrane 93
602 (6) 22-112 HALSTON PRINCE 7 (D,BF,F,G) (W Ponsonby) H Cecil 9-8 .... S Cauthen 93
603 (1) 0-311 MINSTREL DANCER 15 (F) (E Evans) L Cumani 9-8 .... L Dettori 80
604 (3) 4-01102 THAKIB 23 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-8 .... W Carson 98
605 (4) 31-6 REFERENCE LIGHT 7 (S) (Sir G White) M Stoute 9-1 .... W R Swinburn ● 99
606 (5) 0-64222 WAKI GOLD 15 (Lewis H Norris) P Kelleway 8-11 .... Pat Eddery 83

BETTING: 2-1 Reference Light, 3-1 Thakib, Halston Prince, 11-2 Raj Waki, Minstrel Dancer, 7-1 Waki Gold.

1989: SABOTAGE 9-5 W R Swinburn (1-4 fav) M Stoute 2 ran

5.20 TRUNDLE HANDICAP (£6,368: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 (1) 00-2230 GULF PALACE 29 (D,F,S) (Mrs V Hawkins) R Akehurst 5-9-10 .... J Reid 97
2 (5) 0103 GADABOUT 24 (F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-9-5 .... Pat Eddery 93
3 (2) 0-110 ABEL PROSPECT 91 (D,F) (N De Savary) G Harwood 3-9-4 .... R Cochrane 83
4 (3) 0-43211 PRINCE HANNIBAL 24 (F) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 3-9-0 .... W Carson ● 99
5 (6) 140442 ROSGILL 14 (F) (Brigadier Racing) P Mitchell 4-8-11 .... M Hills 97
6 (4) 0-30205 JAMIN 24 (J Pearce) G Wragg 3-8-1 .... G Carter 98

BETTING: 9-4 Gadabout, 3-1 Prince Hannibal, 4-1 Rosgill, 5-1 Gulf Palace, 7-1 Jamin, Abel Prospect.

1989: POKEY'S PRIDE 5-9-9 R Cochrane (7-1) M Tompkins 6 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	38	99	38.4	Pat Eddery	74	330	22.4
Mrs L Piggott	6	19	31.6	L Dettori	10	49	20.4
J Berry	9	35	25.7	S Cauthen	48	249	19.3
G Harwood	47	184	25.5	W Carson	58	333	17.4
L Cumani	25	106	23.6	M Hills	11	73	15.1
M Stoute	23	99	23.2	J Reid	25	166	15.1

(Not including yesterday's results)

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Mystiko.
2.45 Shout Fore.
3.20 Tour Eiffel.
3.50 Smart Magician.
4.20 Joli's Princess
4.50 Self Expression.
5.20 Lots Of Luck.

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2.15 Mystiko.
2.45 Shout Fore.
3.20 Tour Eiffel.
3.50 Smart Magician.
4.20 Joli's Princess.
4.50 Le Lingot.
5.20 Nazmiah.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.50 Smart Magician.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage** SIS

2.15 EBF FEDERATION OF BRITISH RACING CLUBS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,722: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (8) BARBARY REEF (R Parsons) G Eden 9-0 .... [illegible] —
2 (4) BEACH PATROL (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) W Jarvis 9-0 .... M Tebbutt —
3 (3) BOWDEN BOY (T Foreman) N Callaghan 9-0 .... W Newnes —
4 (5) 2 MYSTIKO 23 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 .... M Roberts ● 99
5 (7) 3 SUN SURFER 8 (BF) (C St George) H Cecil 9-0 .... Paul Eddery 96
6 (11) SURREY RACING (Heatview Ltd Surrey Racing) G Lewis 9-0 .... N Day —
7 (6) THATCH AND GOLD (Mrs B Wolff) J Sutcliffe 9-0 .... S Whitworth —
8 (1) TOP SHEREEK (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 .... B Raymond —
9 (9) 4 WOLF HALL 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 .... K Darley 78
10 (10) ANXIOUS TIMES (F Kalla) N Callaghan 8-9 .... B Crossley —
11 (2) SAAFEND (J R Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 8-9 .... M Wigham —

BETTING: 6-4 Mystiko, 11-4 Sun Surfer, 4-1 Wolf Hall, 6-1 Beach Patrol, 8-1 Top Shereek, 12-1 Bowden Boy, 14-1 others.

1989: LAND AFAR 9-0 M Hills (40-1) W Jarvis 6 ran

2.45 FOREST GROUP CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,175: 7f) (21 runners)

1 (10) 406100 SHOUT FORE 25 (F,G) (P Elson) N Callaghan 9-7 .... B Raymond 94
2 (14) 444301 SAN PIER NICETO 7 (F) (Mrs E Papotto) R Boss 8-12 .... M Roberts ● 99
3 (4) 065100 GILT PREMIUM 26 (B,D,S) (Mrs J Ward) M Robinson 8-11 .... A Tucker (7) 94
4 (1) 536010 INTUITIVE JOE 12 (F) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-11 .... Paul Eddery 79
5 (2) 00- MILHOLM 296 (Mrs E Holmes) G Balding 8-11 .... M Hunt (7) —
6 (8) 644302 ALICANTE 14 (Mrs R Smith) Pat Mitchell 8-8 .... G Bardwell 87
7 (11) 050- FIRE GOLD 291 (G Whelog) W Perrin 8-8 .... N Day 82
8 (17) 0044 TARDA 11 (Lady Durham) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8 .... W Hood 96
9 (6) 03 TIMID 7 (B Haggas) W Haggas 8-8 .... J Lowe 94
10 (18) ZARYA (B Butterworth) G Huffer 8-6 .... M Wigham —
11 (3) 00-0400 MEXICAN VISION 18 (B) (D Moore) Mrs L Piggott 8-5 .... A Munro 78
12 (5) 130-40 FOXTROT OSCAR 96 (F) (Foxtrot Restaurants) J Toller 8-4 .... W Newnes 93
13 (19) 0-0003 BUSTALA 11 (B) (R Clowes) A Lee 8-2 .... A Clark 84
14 (15) 416 MATHEMA 147 (F Salman) M Prescott 8-2 .... C Nutter 91
15 (9) 220-0 MISS TENAVILLE 18 (P Chaidco) S Dow 8-2 .... A McGlone 91
16 (7) 400210 PANALO 47 (V,D,G) (Mrs C Ashworth) J Hetherton 8-1 .... N Adams 89
17 (20) 045000 PSYCHO SONNY 26 (B) (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 7-13 .... D Holland (5) 81
18 (13) 004001 BLUE ROOM 9 (D,F) (G Hicks) R Akehurst 7-12 .... R Hills 94
19 (12) 00 PINK BUBBLES 12 (Mrs B Cannell) R Guest 7-12 .... B Crossley —
20 (21) 0-00006 APRIL CRACKER 14 (B) (Mrs J Peers) G Eden 7-8 .... N Gwilliams (5) 78
21 (16) 0-03004 LADY TOPAZ 18 (Sir Evelyn De Rothschild) T Thomson Jones 7-8 ..... A Mackay 98

BETTING: 3-1 Blue Room, 7-2 Timid, 5-1 Foxtrot Oscar, 13-2 Lady Topaz, 8-1 Shout Fore, 9-1 San Pier Niceto, 11-1 Mathema, 14-1 Miss Tenaville, 16-1 others.

1989: VALIANT RED 8-1 M Roberts (4-1) D Murray Smith 12 ran

3.20 RED MOUNTAIN COFFEE CUP (Amateurs: £3,720: 1m 4f) (10 runners) C4

1 (2) 000000 SILK DYNASTY 10 (D) (J Carden) R Hollinshead 4-11-7 .... J Carden —
2 (10) 143306/ JORURI 701 (S) (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 5-11-4 .... Carol Yardley (5) —
3 (5) 004046 LUCKY OAK 5 (Miss J Mooney) R Hoad 4-11-2 .... — —
4 (1) SUNSET AGAIN 95J (J Hooper) M Robinson 5-11-2 .... K Comerford (5) —
5 (4) 1 TOUR EIFFEL 57 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-10-11 .... M Armytage ● 99
6 (7) 66-410 WEST WITH THE WIND 14 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-10-10 .... Clare Balding 67
7 (6) 521 OSHAWA 24 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-10-6 .... Maxine Juster 94
8 (8) 0 WOLFGANG 96 (Mrs R Neave) M Tompkins 3-10-5 .... Sarah Beard (5) —
9 (9) 620032- BODGE 15 (BF) (Miss H Gevers) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-10-0 .. R Pritchard-Gordon 96
10 (3) 6-40002 OMORSI 14 (S Edwards) M Fetherston-Godley 3-10-0 .... S Edwards (5) 77

BETTING: 11-8 Tour Eiffel, 3-1 Oshawa, 5-1 West With The Wind, 7-1 Bodge, 10-1 Silk Dynasty, 14-1 Joruri, 20-1 others.

1989: CHELSEA GIRL 3-10-5 Mrs G Jarvis (9-1) M Jarvis 8 ran

FORM FOCUS TOUR EIFFEL made all and ran on strongly to beat Leotard by 3l in a Catterick maiden (1m 4f 40yd, good to firm).
WEST WITH THE WIND just got the better of King Marcos by a short head in a Lingfield maiden (1m 3f 106yd, firm); latest tailed off in a Newbury handicap (1m 5f 60yd, good to firm) behind Applecross.
OSHAWA was driven out to beat Nataraya by a neck in a Bath maiden (1m 2f 50yd, firm); previously ran Gadabout to a neck at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). BODGE was a 2l 2nd behind Hydsonius in a Hamilton handicap (1m 3f, good to firm).
OMORSI 2nd beaten 10l to Crack at Newmarket (1m 4f).
Selection: OSHAWA

3.50 MAIL ON SUNDAY SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,617: 1m) (13 runners) C4

1 (12) 1121 INVITATION WALTZ 16 (F,G) (L Aldenes) L Cumani 9-7 .... J Fortune (3) 85
2 (11) 465002 ARANY 29 (S) (Mrs P Katzman) M Tompkins 9-5 .... C Hodgson (7) 91
3 (5) 122-54 ROUTILANTE 37 (BF,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-5 .... B Raymond 88
4 (3) 1-3 AZADEH 94 (BF,D,F) (J Brody) G Harwood 9-2 .... A Clark 90
5 (13) 11-6 THEHOOL 45 (F) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 .... Paul Eddery 80
6 (9) 16-051 SILVER ORE 17 (D,F) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 8-13 .... A Munro 96
7 (7) 84210 STARLIGHT FLYER 21 (D,F) (E Fustok) M Moubarak 8-13 .... R Hills 88
8 (10) 331254 BOTTLES 35 (D,F) (Bottles Restaurant Sheringham) G Huffer 8-12 M Wigham 94
9 (2) 241-05 CROUPIER 15 (C,G) (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 8-5 .... M Roberts ● 99
10 (6) 210212 PALATIAL STYLE 36 (D,G) (Mrs P Avison) M Avison 8-5 .... S Webster 97
11 (4) 21-0523 BARKSTON SINGER 9 (D) (T Morris) I Campbell 8-2 .... K Darley 94
12 (1) 6054 SMART MAGICIAN 52 (BF) (B Haggas) W Haggas 7-7 .... J Lowe 98
13 (8) 554512 TAYLORS PRINCE 11 (V,BF,F) (P Reed) H Collingridge 7-7 .... A Mackay 91

Long handicap: Taylors Prince 7-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Azadeh, 7-2 Invitation Waltz, 9-2 Routilante, 8-1 Bottles, 7-1 Barkston Singer, 8-1 Croupier, 11-1 Thehool, 14-1 others.

1989: PENFIRE 3-7-4 Dale Gibson (13-2) G Wragg 10 ran

FORM FOCUS INVITATION WALTZ was hard ridden to defeat Sajjaya by a short head at Chepstow (7f, firm); previously made no impression on Sundance Kid when beaten 6l in a match at Goodwood (7f, good).
ARANY was outpaced behind Sally Rous in group company at Ascot (7f, firm); latest ¾l 2nd to recent Goodwood scorer Bazzushia in a Beverley handicap (1m 100yd, good to firm).
ROUTILANTE did not get a clear run at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) when 3½l 4th behind Charming and ran Dead Certain to 2½l in a group II race at York (6f, good to firm). AZADEH easily picked up a Leicester maiden by 5l on her only start last term and will improve on her 9l 3rd behind River Nomad in a graduation race at Ascot (1m, good to firm) on her reappearance. SILVER ORE was ridden out to beat Coral Flutter at Yarmouth (1m).
PALATIAL STYLE ran on to take a Ripon handicap (1m, good) from Night Of Stars with THEHOOL beaten 13l in 4th; latest ¾l 2nd behind You Are A Star at Newcastle (1m, good). TAYLORS PRINCE ran on well in the final furlong when 2nd beaten 2l by Dancing Sensation at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm); previously won at Leicester (7f, good to firm) by a length from Final Enigma.
Selection: ROUTILANTE

4.20 COLMAN'S OF NORWICH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £18,925: 6f) (14 runners) C4

1 (14) 0111 BIJOUX D'OR 8 (D,F,G) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 9-7 .... K Darley 87
2 (9) 11 JOLI'S PRINCESS 10 (D,F) (P Hart) M Ryan 9-6 .... B Raymond 95
3 (3) 31 GROVE ARIES 8 (D,F) (P Betts Hldgs Ltd) M Tompkins 9-6 ... C Hodgson (7) 90
4 (4) 446112 SILKEN SAILED 4 (B,F) (R Meadows) W O'Gorman 9-5 Emma O'Gorman (7) ● 99
5 (2) 2211 ALLINSON'S MATE 21 (F) (W Spink) T Barron 9-3 .... Alex Greaves (5) 91
6 (6) 1153 CITY SOLACE 14 (F) (D Caruth) R Hannon 9-0 .... B Rouse 90
7 (5) 02211 KESTREL FORBOXES 21 (D,F) (Laurel Leisure Ltd) J Berry 8-11 J Fortune (3) 95
8 (1) 3312 CARESS 29 (F) (Edward Challens Bstanshow) Mrs N Macauley 8-10 N Adams 85
9 (7) 0212 SPICE TRADER 19 (BF,D,G) (T T-Jones) T Thomson Jones 8-8 .. S Whitworth 87
10 (11) 0213 PRINCESS TARA 26 (D,F) (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 8-5 .... Paul Eddery 96
11 (10) 21 LAUNDE ABBEY 22 (F) (Miss M Carrington-Smith) C Brittain 8-3 .. M Roberts 87
12 (12) 0542 AMANDHLA 12 (N Jackson) Kim Tinkler 8-3 .... — 83
13 (13) 021 PENNY MINT 26 (D,G) (A Norman-Thorpe) J Eustace 7-13 .... R Hills 83
14 (8) 231246 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 12 (Winning Post Racing Ltd) C Allen 7-11 A Mackay 92

BETTING: 5-2 Silken Sailed, 4-1 Joli's Princess, 9-2 Princess Tara, 11-2 Bijoux D'Or, 8-1 Launde Abbey, 10-1 Amandhla, 12-1 Caress, 14-1 others.

1989: DORSET DUKE 9-7 Paul Eddery (7-2) G Wragg 11 ran

FORM FOCUS BIJOUX D'OR completed a treble with a 4l defeat of Heaven-Liegh-Grey in a 4-runner race at Pontefract (5f, firm).
JOLI'S PRINCESS made all to beat Screen Serenade 2½l in a 5-runner maiden at Brighton (6f, firm) on debut and followed up with a 3l success over Dome Lawel at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
GROVE ARIES beat Skolos 6l in a 3-runner race at Yarmouth (6f, good to firm). SILKEN SAILED opened his account with an all the way 2l defeat of CARESS (11lb better off) at Beverley (5f, good to firm) and followed up with a 2l success over Just John at Leicester (5f); latest head 2nd to Zandril in a nursery here (5f). CITY SOLACE 6½l 3rd of 6 to Ivory Bride at Newbury (6f, good to firm). KESTREL FORBOXES made all to beat Supreme Desire 15l in a seller at York (6f, good to firm).
PRINCESS TARA beat Level Xing 2½l at Salisbury (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start; latest 12½l 3rd of 5 to Dominion Gold at Haydock (6f, soft).
Selection: SILKEN SAILED

4.50 GLYFADA STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,440: 7f) (5 runners) C4

1 (4) 1 MARAAKIZ 28 (D,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-2 .... B Rouse 94
2 (5) 21 PLAN OF ACTION 11 (D,F) (Planflow Leasing Ltd) G Lewis 9-2. Paul Eddery 78
3 (2) 12 SELF EXPRESSION 14 (D,F) (The Queen) I Balding 9-1 .... B Raymond ● 99
4 (3) 61 LE LINGOT 8 (F) (Miss A Catto) C Wall 9-0 .... N Day 81
5 (1) WAR BEAT (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11 .... M Roberts —

BETTING: 13-8 Self Expression, 9-4 Maraakiz, 9-2 Plan Of Action, 6-1 Le Lingot, 10-1 War Beat.

1989: [illegible] 9-5 W Ryan (5-2) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS MARAAKIZ, a 84,000gns son of Roberto, made an impressive debut at Sandown (7f) comfortably accounting for Mulciber by 3l.
PLAN OF ACTION ran Level Xing to a neck at Kempton (6f, good to firm) on his debut and followed up with a facile 4l victory over Green's Portrait in a maiden auction race at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm).
SELF EXPRESSION beat Copper Plating by 1½l in a Salisbury maiden (7f, good to firm) first time out and went on to finish a highly creditable ½l 2nd behind Bravefoot at Newbury (7f, good to firm). LE LINGOT ran on well in the final furlong, justifying favouritism to beat Steam Ahead by ½l at Pontefract (6f, firm).
WAR BEAT (foaled May 5) by Wolver Hollow and is a half brother to Call To Arms who was useful over 6f and 7f.
Selection: MARAAKIZ

5.20 CARDINAL HANDICAP (£4,698: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1 (8) 0-83036 ALJARIH 22 (D,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-10 ... R Hills 92
2 (1) 362120 HARD TO NAME 36 (BF,F) (Exors of C Blackwell) E Eldin 3-9-6 ... A Mackay 97
3 (5) 341002 LOTS OF LUCK 14 (D,F) (R Patrick) J Pearce 7-9-5 .... W Newnes 97
4 (6) 210-035 TOP OF THE BILL 4 (F) (J Lilvock) N Callaghan 3-8-12 .... D Holland (5) 96
5 (4) 825111 SHARQUIN 12 (D,F,G) (M Murphy) M Brittain 3-8-10 .... M Wigham 96
6 (3) 430-415 REGGAE BEAT 110J (F) (E Campbell) I Campbell 5-8-9 .... C Burns (7) 90
7 (7) 6-09002 NAZMIAH 30 (D,S) (A Helaissi) A Hide 4-8-3 .... B Rouse ● 99
8 (2) 300221 KALAPARTY 15 (B,CD,F) (Mrs R Lamb) C Benstead 4-7-13 .... J Lowe 93

BETTING: 9-4 Nazmiah, 3-1 Lots Of Luck, 9-2 Sharquin, 6-1 Top Of The Bill, 8-1 Hard To Name, 10-1 Aljarih, 12-1 others.

1989: HALL OF MIRRORS 3-8-11 W Carson (5-2 fav) (W Hern) 6 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	91	373	24.4	B Raymond	39	344	11.3
M Stoute	58	327	17.7	M Roberts	40	365	10.9
L Cumani	58	329	17.6	A Munro	7	67	10.4
J Pearce	3	19	15.8	Paul Eddery	28	324	8.6
J Sutcliffe	11	73	15.1	M Wigham	11	129	8.5
G Harwood	33	259	12.7	(Only qualifiers)			

(Not including last night's results)

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Vintage Only. 2.50 French Senor. 3.25 For Real. 3.55 Topasannah. 4.25 Golden Treasury. 4.55 Millionaire's Row. 5.25 La Maraquita.

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2.50 French Senor. 3.55 Sapphirine. 4.25 Golden Treasury. 4.55 Millionaire's Row. 5.25 Black Armorial.

Going: firm **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best** SIS

2.15 TOPCLIFFE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,608: 6f) (2 runners)

1 4121 VINTAGE ONLY 15 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 9-10 M Birch 1
2 1354 BEYOND OUR REACH 29 (F) J Berry 9-4 .... J Carroll 2

1-4 Vintage Only, 3-1 Beyond Our Reach.

2.50 SUTTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,526: 7f) (7)

1 4- EURO GALAXY 376 R Whitaker 9-0 .... A Culhane 4
2 38 FRENCH SENOR 15 (BF) H Cecil 9-0 .... W Ryan 1
3 -406 SHINING JEWEL 7 E Eldin 9-0 .... G Duffield 2
4 2406 BRACKEN BELLA 56 E Weymes 8-9 .... E Guest 6
5 85 HIGHLY NOTED 12 F Lee 8-9 .... Dean McKeown 5
6 -500 VAIN SEARCH 82 M Jarvis 8-9 .... R Lappin (5) 7
7 4262 ZIZANIA 35 C Brittain 8-9 .... M Birch 3

6-4 French Senor, 5-2 Zizania, 5-1 Shining Jewel, 8-1 Vain Search, 12-1 Euro Galaxy, 16-1 Bracken Bella, Highly Noted.

3.25 WHITE HORSE COMPUTER SELLING STAKES (Ladies: 3-Y-O: £2,511: 6f) (9)

1 0000 AIRE VALLEY LAD 23 (B) R Bastiman 10-0 .... Diane Jones 4
2 6026 SWING NORTH 14 (B,D,G) D Chapman 10-0 .... [illegible] 2
3 006 DOUBLE STRAND 30 R Whitaker 9-9 ... Lydia Pearce 6
4 3243 FOR REAL 5 (C,D,F,G) J Berry 9-9 .... Lisa Eaton (5) 9
5 6026 FOUNTAIN LOCH 22 (D,F) R Whitaker 9-9 .... Sharon Murgatroyd 3
6 2300 MISS KELLYBELL 10 R Thompson 9-9 .... Helen Charrington (7) 1
7 0555 SOUNDS CLASSICAL 23 W Storey 9-9 .... Stella Storey (7) 7
8 0-44 STAR LEADER 18 R Hollinshead 9-9 .... [illegible] 8
9 5310 TIFFIN TIME 37 (BF,G) M H Easterby 9-9 .... Leila Fahey (5) 5

2-1 For Real, 3-1 Swing North, 7-2 Tiffin Time, 5-1 others.

3.55 EUROPRINT PORTFOLIO STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,106: 1m) (8)

1 6422 LARS PORSENA 7 (F) R Whitaker 9-8 .... A Culhane 4
2 1005 EXPRESS ACCOUNT 11 (B,CD,F) R Williams 9-4 .... Alison Harper (7) 2
3 0201 TOPASANNAH 14 (D,F) B Hills 8-11 . Dean McKeown 7
4 2000 PUFFY 14 (F,G,S) Ronald Thompson 8-11 . R P Elliott 3
5 3121 SAPPHIRINE 8 (D,F,S) M Prescott 8-8 .... G Duffield 5
6 5020 HIGH WATER 12 T Fairhurst 8-6 .... J Fanning (7) 8
7 6221 EUROBLAKE 5 (D,F) T Barron 8-2 (6ex). L Charnock 1
8 6000 PRESIDENT GEORGE 37 M Brittain 7-7 ... S Wood (3) 6

9-4 Sapphirine, 11-4 Topasannah, 7-2 Lars Porsena, 8-1 Euroblake, 10-1 High Water, Express Account, 33-1 others.

4.25 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP (£3,940: 1m 4f) (3)

1 2012 NICHOLAS MARK 7 (CD,F,G) R Whitaker 6-9-10 .... N Connorton 2
2 4331 GOLDEN TREASURY 17 (D,F) H Cecil 3-9-9 . W Ryan 1
3 -205 FAMOUS BEAUTY 25 (G) R Hollinshead 3-8-13 .... G Husband (5) 3

4-11 Golden Treasury, 11-4 Nicholas Mark, 12-1 Famous Beauty.

4.55 BEDALE GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,761: 1m 4f) (2)

1 3445 BEAU QUEST 19 (D,F) R Hollinshead 9-7 .... S Perks 2
2 21 MILLIONAIRE'S ROW 14 (D,F) H Cecil 9-7 .... W Ryan 1

1-5 Millionaire's Row, 4-1 Beau Quest.

5.25 DIRECTORS TROPHY (Nursery Handicap: 2-Y-O: £3,132: 7f) (9)

1 6251 AZUREUS 12 (F) J S Wilson 9-7 .... J Fanning (7) 3
2 4434 CALL AT EIGHT 11 J Etherington 8-12 .... M Birch 2
3 0361 BLACK ARMORIAL 10 (D,F) M Bell 8-11 ... G Duffield 8
4 4532 GODSCHARM 7 (F) M Brittain 8-8 .... S Maloney (5) 9
5 0221 RUE DU CIRQUE 8 (F) N Callaghan 7-12 F Norton (7) 4
6 313 LA MARAQUITA 7 (BF,D,G) M H Easterby 7-11 .... L Charnock 7
7 5451 CIBOURE 9 (F) M Usher 7-9 .... E Johnson 5
8 3551 CLASSIC RING 17 (D,F) T Fairhurst 7-9 ... S Wood (3) 1
9 2203 GREENSIDE 11 R Thompson 7-7 ... Claire Balding (7) 6

3-1 Rue Du Cirque, 7-2 Godscharm, 9-2 Azureus, 6-1 Ciboure, Black Armorial, 8-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 10 winners from 30 runners, 33.3%; B Hills, 11 from 36, 30.6%; M H Easterby, 37 from 231, 16.0%; R Whitaker, 18 from 127, 14.2%; M Prescott, 3 from 24, 12.5%; J Berry, 13 from 117, 11.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Lappin, 3 winners from 15 rides, 20.0%; M Birch, 37 from 246, 15.0%; Dean McKeown, 15 from 106, 14.2%; S Perks, 14 from 106, 13.2%; N Connorton, 15 from 124, 12.1%; A Culhane, 10 from 85, 11.8%.

WINDSOR

Selections

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6.0 Gardeners Boy. 6.25 Twilight Fantasy. 6.55 Knockavon. 7.20 Once Upon A Time. 7.50 Cronk's Courage. 8.20 Full Orchestra.

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6.0 Green's Trilogy. 6.25 Handsome Leader. 6.55 Carfield Lad. 7.20 Absaar. 8.20 Barrymore.

Going: good to firm
Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

6.0 EBF KRONENBOURG MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,515: 5f) (17 runners)

1 04 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 17 S Dow 9-0 .... B Crossley 7
2 05 AGEETEE 64 A Turnell 9-0 .... J Williams 5
3 EAST SUNRISE B Gubby 9-0 .... J Quinn 13
4 666 EASY TOOMEY 7 J Jenkins 9-0 .... R Fox 3
5 FAST RUN P Cole 9-0 .... S O'Neill (7) 11
6 0 FREE FOR ALL 15 L Holt 9-0 .... T Williams 8
7 5 GARDENERS BOY 15 P Cole 9-0 .... T Quinn 10
8 5 GREEN'S TRILOGY 14 W Jarvis 9-0 .... M Tebbutt 9
9 IL BAMBINO P Cole 9-0 .... S Dawson 4
10 LAST TAKE M Usher 9-0 .... M Marshall (5) 17
11 LONG FURLONG J Dunlop 9-0 .... A Clark 12
12 05 LORD ADVOCATE 47 R Charlton 9-0 .... B Raymond 2
13 6 MATAMATA 15 J Dunlop 9-0 .... A McGlone 16
14 20 TEXAN CLAMOUR 16 R Hannon 9-0 .... R Perham (5) 5
15 VIDEO DEALER C Horgan 9-0 .... C Rutter 15
16 HARRY'S LADY T Thomson Jones 8-9 .... A Munro 1
17 IRISH IMPULSE R Williams 8-9 .... G Baxter 14

7-2 Gardeners Boy, 4-1 Fast Run, 9-2 Matamata, 6-1 Absolutely Right, Long Furlong, 13-2 Texan Clamour.

6.25 HOFMEISTER SELLING STAKES (£2,616: 1m 70yd) (15)

1 406- CLEVER CLAUDE 89J W Perrin 4-9-0 .... J Quinn 1
2 0050 HANDSOME LEADER 92 (B) G Eden 4-9-0 .... R Sidebottom 14
3 2004 SUNGROVE PRIDE 23 E Wheeler 4-9-0 .... S Dawson 5
4 -001 TWILIGHT FANTASY 33 (CD,F) M Blanshard 4-9-0 .... J Williams 10
5 4- YESICAN 198J T Thomson Jones 4-9-0 .... T Quinn 6
6 0090 ROYAL SUPREME 29 (S) G Lewis 3-8-12 .... A Clark 9
7 0-06 LIANE BEAUTY 14 Mrs S Armytage 4-8-9 .... R Fox 4
8 400-5 PENHILL FLAME 22 D Haydn Jones 4-8-9 G Baxter 11
9 0300 BELINDA'S BOY 18 W Carter 3-8-7 .... S Cairns (7) 2
10 0056 FLORIDA GOLD 10 D Wilson 3-8-7 .... T Williams 3
11 0034 PLEASURE AHEAD 12 M Channon 3-8-7 ... C Rutter 13
12 -505 THE SWAMP FOX 7 K Brassey 3-8-7 .... A Munro 8
13 0805 BIRDIE CHANCE 10 S Dow 3-8-2 .... A McGlone 12
14 6500 CHANDANNE 12 T Casey 3-8-2 .... G Bardwell 7
15 0-46 ENTERPRISE LADY 17 (BF) P Makin 3-8-2 .... T Sprake (5) 15

5-2 Yesican, 9-2 Pleasure Ahead, 5-1 Twilight Fantasy, 6-1 Enterprise Lady, 8-1 Clever Claude, 10-1 others.

6.55 BEAMISH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,739: 5f) (7)

1 1422 CARFIELD LAD 22 (B,D,F) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-7 .... W R Swinburn 7
2 911 KNOCKAVON 19 (D,G) J Berry 9-6 .... Pat Eddery 2
3 6410 LAND SUN 12 (V,D,F) M Channon 8-11 ..... C Rutter 5
4 2460 BUD'S BET 5 L Holt 8-7 .... J Reid 1
5 420 CHESHIRE NELL 31 (BF) W Carter 8-6 .... Paul Eddery 4
6 300 WHITTON LAD 21 (B) R Akehurst 8-3 ...... W Carson 6
7 5424 ZONINA 33 R Hannon 8-0 .... A McGlone 3

5-2 Knockavon, 4-1 Zonina, 9-2 Carfield Lad, 5-1 Land Sun, 8-1 Cheshire Nell, Whitton Lad, 12-1 Bud's Bet.

7.20 COURAGE TAKE HOME TRADE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,115: 1m 3f 150yd) (3)

1 21 ABSAAR 24 (D,F) A Stewart 9-7 .... M Roberts 2
2 4352 ONCE UPON A TIME 15 (F) I Balding 9-0 . Pat Eddery 1
3 00-6 J R JONES 110 (F,G) D Burchell 8-11 .... N Adams 3

Evens Absaar, 11-10 Once Upon A Time, 8-1 J R Jones.

7.50 MILLER LITE HANDICAP (£2,616: 5f) (15)

1 -000 GUNBOAT 48 K Brassey 4-9-10 .... S Whitworth 4
2 2014 CRONK'S COURAGE 21 (B,D,F,S) G Lewis 4-9-9 .... Paul Eddery 14
3 -000 NAZAKAT 16 (D,F) L Holt 3-9-5 .... J Reid 7
4 3604 IRON KING 17 (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-4 .. Pat Eddery 13
5 00P2 DAMASKEEN 14 (D,F) Mrs S Armytage 4-9-3 .... Dana Mellor 8
6 0444 THORNZEE 19 J Bridger 3-8-12 .... Rachel Bridger (7) 1
7 00-0 SEVEN SONS 18 (D,F) W G M Turner 3-8-12 .... M Roberts 5
8 -500 OR NOR 19 (D,F) W Carter 3-8-9 .... S Cairns (7) 12
9 4256 BEAUMONT'S KEEP 5 L Holt 4-8-8 .... T Williams 6
10 52-4 SAMSON-AGONISTES 7 (D,G) B McMahon 4-8-7 .... Ron Hillis (5) 5
11 6200 UNDERTONES 52 (B) J Glover 3-8-7 .... G Baxter 2
12 2010 DAWN BELL 5 (G) J Bradley 5-8-1 ...... A Tucker (7) 15
13 0050 EECEE TREE 26 P Arthur 5-7-7 .... NON—RUNNER 3
14 0000 ROYAL BEAR 9 (D,F,S) K Cunningham-Brown 8-7-7 .... G Bardwell 11
15 -400 MISS WESLEY 14 (B,D,F) A Turnell 5-7-7 . N Adams 10

4-1 Cronk's Courage, 5-1 Iron King, 6-1 Damaskeen, 13-2 Samson-Agonistes, 8-1 Dawn Bell, Thornzee, 10-1 others.

8.20 JOHN SMITH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,696: 1m 2f 22yd) (11)

1 22 BARRYMORE 35 (BF) L Cumani 9-0 .... L Dettori 2
2 COMMANDING OFFICER C Cyzer 9-0 ...... J Murray 10
3 FLOWN R Hannon 9-0 .... M Roberts 7
4 550- GOZONE 241 E Eldin 9-0 .... A Mackay 9
5 55 SHEERWIND 15 J Hudson 9-0 .... S Whitworth 3
6 3 TRAFUL 80 M Stoute 9-0 .... W R Swinburn 8
7 2 AVRA 64 H Cecil 8-9 .... A McGlone 6
8 23-2 FULL ORCHESTRA 19 W Hern 8-9 .... W Carson 1
9 2626 ORLEANS GIRL 23 R Smyth 8-9 .... T Quinn 5
10 4 SINGING FOREVER 16 I Balding 8-9 .... J Reid 4
11 0 YEMANJA 25 R Charlton 8-9 .... B Raymond 11

2-1 Barrymore, 5-2 Full Orchestra, 9-2 Avra, 6-1 Traful.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 16 winners from 44 runners, 36.4%; A Stewart, 11 from 38, 28.9%; L Cumani, 11 from 41, 26.8%; M Stoute, 16 from 65, 24.6%; I Balding, 8 from 46, 17.4%; P Cole, 16 from 101, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 70 winners from 286 rides, 24.5%; L Dettori, 8 from 39, 20.5%; W R Swinburn, 15 from 113, 15.9%; M Roberts, 13 from 89, 14.6%; W Carson, 25 from 205, 12.2%; T Quinn, 18 from 160, 11.3%.

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Walk Of Life. 2.45 Temple Reef. 3.15 Plaza Toro. 3.45 Sign Post. 4.15 Circus Tavern. 4.45 Rahib.

Going: good to firm (watering)

2.15 DIMPLEX TANGO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,736: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

1 42P- WELSH OAK 105 (CD,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 10-12-0 .... B Powell
2 112- WALK OF LIFE 66 (B,CD,F,G) M Pipe 5-10-8 .... P Scudamore
3 312- KARNATAK 86 (C,F) K Bridgwater 9-10-5 .... D Bridgwater (7)
4 14U/ RICHARD LIONHEART 812 (S) W G Turner 10-10-0 .... G Charles-Jones

6-4 Walk Of Life, 5-2 Welsh Oak, Karnatak, 8-1 Richard Lionheart.

2.45 DIMPLEX LANGLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,506: 2m 150yd) (7)

1 412- TEMPLE REEF 340 (B,F,S) M Pipe 6-12-0 P Scudamore
2 00/ PHARAOH BLUE 495 (D,F) M Pipe 5-10-11 .... —
3 320- CARJUJEN 81 (D,F) B Preece 5-10-7 ... Gary Lyons (3)
4 P83- SPAR LADY 128 J Roberts 7-10-1 .... P Dever
5 400- LOVER COVER 89 A J Wilson 8-10-0 .... L Harvey
6 000- GO-GO-SAM 177 P Wakely 6-10-0 .... —
7 354- MAPLE HAYES 78 Mrs A Knight 4-10-0 .... N Mann (5)

Evens Temple Reef, 3-1 Pharaoh Blue, 5-1 Carjujen, 7-1 Spar Lady, 8-1 Lover Cover, 14-1 others.

3.15 DIMPLEX STYLIST HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,220: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 50P- LE CAROTTE 176 (CD,F,G) A Barrow 8-12-0 ... S Earle
2 3/F- MARSH KING 273 (G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-12 Peter Hobbs
3 122- PLAZA TORO 304 (CD,F,S) W G Turner 11-11-0 .... C Dempsey (7)
4 1PP- CHAMPAGNE RUN 58 (F,G) W G M Turner 5-10-9 .... [illegible] (7)
5 132- JUST BLAKE 284 (F,G) J Roberts 9-10-4 .... L Harvey
6 113- ULTRA VIOLET 84 (B,F) M Pipe 4-10-0 .. P Scudamore
7 115- GREY ADMIRAL 63 (V,F,G) G Stickland 5-10-0 .... Mr S Stickland

9-4 Ultra Violet, 3-1 Plaza Toro, 4-1 Just Blake, 5-1 Le Carotte, 7-1 Marsh King, 8-1 others.

3.45 DIMPLEX OPTIFLAME NOVICES CHASE (£2,203: 2m 150yd) (11)

1 605- COINAGE 23F (F) R Johnson Houghton 7-11-3 .... Mr G Johnson Houghton
2 P2P- HOISTED 84 Mrs A Knight 8-11-3 .... G Knight
3 PP/ SIGN POST 653 Mrs J Wonnacott 8-11-3 .... Mr A Wonnacott (7)
4 0/ SPEARHEAD WARRIOR 847 M Muggeridge 8-11-3 .... W Irvine (3)
5 243- TABACOS 64 W G Turner 7-11-3 .... N Hawke (3)
6 005/ TSUGA FOREST 1186 R Champion 7-11-3 T Grantham
7 0/ FURTINO 730 G Roe 9-10-12 .... P Richards
8 /45 LADY LONGMEAD 58 (F) W G M Turner 9-10-12 .... P Holley (3)
9 F40/ MAKING TRACKS 1687 M Fetherston-Godley 8-10-12 .... M Richards

2-1 Tabacos, 3-1 Coinage, 5-1 Tsuga Forest, 6-1 Making Tracks, 8-1 Lady Longmead, 12-1 Hoisted, 25-1 others.

4.15 DIMPLEX HURSLEY JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 150yd) (11)

1 CIRCUS TAVERN M Pipe 10-9 .... P Scudamore
2 FAIR START W Kemp 10-9 .... I Lawrence (3)
3 RECORD EDGE 12F K Bridgwater 10-9. W Humphreys
4 RUNWAY ROMANCE 12F P Hobbs 10-9. Peter Hobbs
5 SAFETY 36F J White 10-9 .... D Morris
6 CADFORD BALARINA 7F K Bridgwater 10-4 .. A Webb
7 DONNA LORENZA 75F C Weedon 10-4 .... A Carroll
8 GOOD GRACE 21F P Hobbs 10-4 .... Mr B Clifford (7)
9 MILTON MISS W G M Turner 10-4 .... P Holley (7)
10 STRANGER STILL 19F B Stevens 10-4 .. W McFarland
11 WOLVER GOLD 12F J Roberts 10-4 ...... S Mahon (7)

4-5 Circus Tavern, 5-2 Runway Romance, 5-1 Safety, 10-1 Cadford Balarina, 14-1 Wolver Gold, 16-1 others.

4.45 DIMPLEX ELECTRIC HEATING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,658: 3m 2f 100yd) (5)

1 /33- RAHIB 68 (C,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-12-0 .... P Scudamore
2 42U- WIMBLEBALL 80 (F,S) J Payne 10-10-12 .... R Guest
3 R/3- DUART 240 (S) J Roberts 10-10-9 .... Peter Hobbs
4 00P- LEG UP 143 (F) Mrs J Wonnacott 11-10-7 .... Mark Williams
5 55P- TURNBERRY DAWN 109 T Hallett 8-10-6. S Mahon (7)

1-2 Rahib, 7-2 Duart, 5-1 Wimbleball, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: C Weedon, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; M Pipe, 126 from 382, 33.0%; D Gandolfo, 10 from 50, 20.0%; W Kemp, 5 from 38, 13.2%; J Roberts, 8 from 66, 12.1%; P Hobbs, 13 from 109, 11.9%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 79 winners from 193 rides, 40.9%; N Mann, 4 from 13, 30.8%; A Webb, 10 from 64, 15.6%; I Lawrence, 3 from 24, 12.5%; W McFarland, 5 from 41, 12.2%; N Hawke, 5 from 47, 10.6%.

MARKET RASEN

Selections

By Mandarin

6.15 Little Red Flower. 6.45 Far More. 7.15 Sailor's Delight. 7.45 Island Jetsetter. 8.15 Taffy Jones. 8.45 Casbatina.

Going: firm

6.15 ROTARY CLUB OF MARKET RASEN JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (£1,772: 2m) (14 runners)

1 06P- RIESENER 7F Mrs P Barker 4-11-7 .... C Hawkins
2 SHEILAS HILLCREST 7F N Tinkler 4-11-7 .. G McCourt
3 KARENS STARLET 25F M Hammond 4-11-2. S Turner
4 LADY OF THE LODGE 414F J Glover 4-11-2 S J O'Neill
5 300- LITTLE RED FLOWER 68 F Jordan 4-11-2 J Lodder (3)
6 MY PRETTY NIECE 10F C Holmes 4-11-2 D Skyrme (3)
7 ADANAR 21F I Campbell 3-10-5 .... S Woods
8 BOLD ROCKET 45F C Beever 3-10-5 ...... B McGill (5)
9 DEERNESS LAD 61F D Topley 3-10-5 .... K Jones
10 HAVERTON 9F T Casey 3-10-5 .... R Dunwoody
11 INTEGRITY BOY 40F R O'Leary 3-10-5 ...... M Dwyer
12 LIGHTNING THUNDER 42F Denys Smith 3-10-5 C Grant
13 SAUCY SAINT 29F P Blockley 3-10-5 .... C Kellett
14 MRS PEEBODY 30F J Pearce 3-10-0 ...... R O'Neill (7)

11-4 Little Red Flower, 4-1 Haverton, 5-1 Sheilas Hillcrest, 6-1 Adanar, 8-1 Lightning Thunder, Mrs Peebody, 12-1 others.

6.45 JOHN DEERE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,733: 2m 4f) (8)

1 COUNT MY BLESSINGS 15F B Ellison 5-11-0 .... A Mulholland
2 66P- FALLING FOSS 63 T Kersey 6-11-0. Susan Kersey (7)
3 033- PADDY'S GLEN 63 Mrs P Barker 13-11-0.. C Hawkins
4 SKYRAP G Oldroyd 6-11-0 .... R Garritty (3)
5 34- EVENING SUNSET 7F (B) Miss G Rees 4-10-11 .... W Worthington
6 43- FAR MORE 14F F Durr 4-10-11 ...... S Smith Eccles
7 353- HYTHE 93 (B) P Blockley 4-10-11 .... C Kellett
8 524- CAWSTON BAY 63 J Norton 5-10-9.. Mr K Johnson (3)

9-4 Far More, 11-4 Paddy's Glen, 9-2 Evening Sunset.

7.15 QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER BIRTHDAY NOVICES CHASE (£2,095: 2m 5f) (7)

1 /84- CAUTIOUS PETE 138 W A Stephenson 7-11-6 .... —
2 326- EASTERN PLAYER 30F (F,G,S) Miss G Rees 7-11-6 .... W Worthington
3 453- GAN ON LAD 63 (F) K Morgan 9-11-6 ... A S Smith (7)
4 R55- CHILL SKY 63 T Kersey 6-11-6 ...... A Larnach (7)
5 332- SAILOR'S DELIGHT 123 W A Stephenson 6-11-6 .... C Grant
6 8F0- SINGING FLAME 84 J O'Shea 8-11-6 .... T Wall
7 0/U- SLANEY RAMBLER 75 (V) C Holmes 9-11-6 .... D Skyrme (5)

5-4 Sailor's Delight, 5-2 Gan On Lad, 5-1 Eastern Player,

7.45 CLUGSTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,900: 2m) (5)

1 122- HA'PENNY NAP 70 (F,G,S) C Beever 12-11-10 B McGill
2 022- ISLAND JETSETTER 4F (CD,G) M H Easterby 4-11-8 .... R Fahey
3 224- CASTLEBROWNE 46 Mrs A King 8-10-13 R Dunwoody
4 0P0- GROSSEN 149 (D,S) K Morgan 6-10-9 ...... H Davies
5 430- FINGERS CROSSED 101 (CD,F,S) K Ryan 6-10-3 .... M Maloney (5)

6-4 Island Jetsetter, 5-2 Ha'penny Nap, 3-1 Fingers Crossed, 7-1 Castlebrowne, 16-1 Grossen.

8.15 HERON NEWARK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,684: 2m) (6)

1 414- TAFFY JONES 18F (CD,F,G,S) M McCormack 11-11-10 .... C Maude (7)
2 311- PRESSURE GAME 54F (B,D,F) K Burke 7-11-9 .... R Supple
3 44F- RIVA'S TOUCH 44 (F,G) Mrs A King 7-10-11 .... R Dunwoody
4 3P1- KINGS WILD 58 (D,F) A Jones 9-10-9 . I Shoemark (3)
5 322- STRAIGHT DOWN 66 (D,F,G) Mrs P Barker 13-10-0 .... C Hawkins
6 034- TAMERTOWN LAD 50F (D,F) A Potts 9-10-0 ... T Potts

9-4 Taffy Jones, 5-2 Pressure Game, 7-2 Kings Wild, 6-1 Straight Down, 7-1 Riva's Touch, 16-1 Tamertown Lad.

8.45 MARKET RASEN ENGINEERING MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,118: 2m) (17)

1 /00- FLEET SPECIAL 7F P Monteith 8-11-0 .... D Nolan
2 054- MANDY'S TINO 68 (V) J Harris 5-11-0 .... J A Harris
3 42P- MR KEWMILL 37F J Bennett 7-11-0 .... N Dawe
4 4/- RYTON RENOWN 528 J Norton 5-11-0 .... P Harley (7)
5 P66- TIGER TIGER 147 Ronald Thompson 5-11-0 .... M Lane (7)
6 442- UPWELL 71 R Johnson 6-11-0 ...... Mr P Johnson (7)
7 WHITE SAPPHIRE 7F Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 M Dwyer
8 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 30F C Thornton 4-10-11 .... D Wilkinson
9 PREPOLLO 28F A Harrison 4-10-11 .... J Callaghan (3)
10 523- SNAPPY DATE 44F K Morgan 4-10-11 .... H Davies
11 233- ULLSWATER 91 F Jordan 4-10-11 .... J Lodder (3)
12 HATAY 15F P Blockley 5-10-9 .... P Midgley (7)
13 OLD PARK LANE 453F C Holmes 6-10-9 D Skyrme (3)
14 34- SEA ARROW 187 J Leigh 5-10-9 .... Gary Lyons (3)
15 2- CASBATINA 31F J Pearce 4-10-6 .... G McCourt
16 U0P- PEARL WHITE 101 K Ryan 4-10-6 ... Rachel Judge (7)
17 313- YOUGOTIT 26F (F) R O'Leary 4-10-6 .... L Wyer

3-1 Casbatina, 4-1 White Sapphire, 6-1 Snappy Date, 7-1 Ullswater, 8-1 Yougotit, 10-1 Mr Kewmill, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M McCormack, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; C Thornton, 7 from 21, 33.3%; M H Easterby, 23 from 95, 24.2%; N Tinkler, 12 from 52, 23.1%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 38 from 169, 22.5%; I Campbell, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: Mr K Johnson, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; B McGill, 5 from 15, 33.3%; G McCourt, 18 from 54, 33.3%; M Dwyer, 32 from 134, 23.9%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 31, 22.6%; C Grant, 23 from 103, 22.3%.

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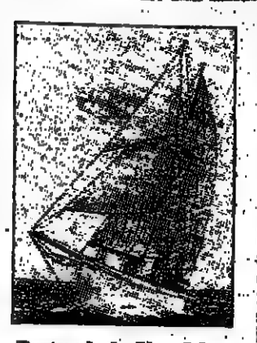
Fall and rise of the Vera Mary

For one yacht, the beginning of Cowes Week marks the end of a sentimental journey

With a permanent mooring in the social calendar between Glorious Goodwood and the start to the shooting season, Cowes Week, the oldest and grandest regatta in the world, gets under way today. Spruced up with bunting and banners, this historic Isle of Wight port remains much as it was when Queen Victoria gave the town and its festival the royal stamp of approval.

Kings, queens and their children have been attending Cowes Week ever since and the event, now sponsored by Land Rover, has thrived, with more than a thousand yachts swelling the already crowded marinas.

For one yacht, the Vera Mary, this year's event marks a nostalgic return. Built in Lymington, Hampshire, in 1932 by the Berthon boatyard, the 72ft schooner was a gift from George V to Sir Philip Hunloke, the skipper of the then royal racing yacht Britannia.



Restored: the Vera Mary

Now the 26-ton yacht has been fully restored by the America's Cup and Olympic yachtsman, Chris Law. "I first came across her in the brokerage columns. She was lying in Elba, but I couldn't afford the asking price," he says.

Bitterly disappointed, Mr Law, aged 35, lost the sale to a northerner who agreed to pay the asking price on the yacht's delivery back to British waters. "It wasn't until I mentioned her again to a broker that I found she never completed the voyage home. Caught in a mistral, the bulwarks were broken, the dinghy was washed overboard, the skipper broke his ankle and she was taken in a sorry state to Palma."

Mr Law caught the first available plane to Majorca and scoured the docks until he found the yacht. "It was 1am before we eventually tracked her down, moored between two huge motor yachts. I struck a deal almost immediately," he says.

The Vera Mary proved ideal for restoration. Sold after Sir Philip's death just before the second world war, she had been taken to the south of France. While many other yachts were left to deteriorate, this schooner's enterprising skipper sailed her on smuggling runs to South America, using the profits to maintain her in seaworthy condition.

In the post-war years, a bigger engine was installed and the yacht was re-rigged, but she has been maintained so well that, according to Mr Law, 80 per cent of the boat remains original. Throughout the winter months a team of boatbuilders has stripped down the hull inside and out and, with the help of contemporary photographs taken by Beken of Cowes and the original drawings from Berthon's archives, completely refurbished her.

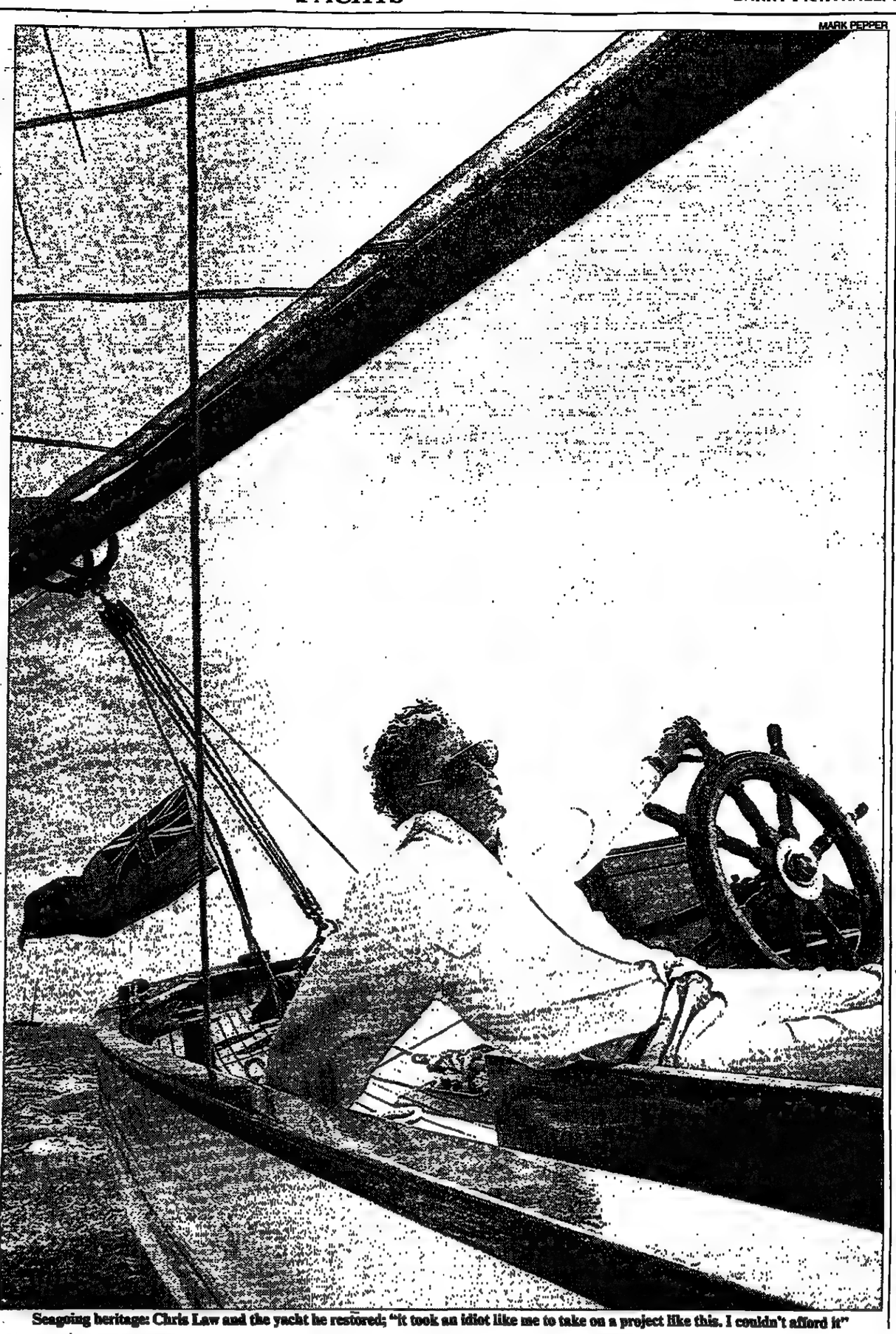
"It took an idiot like me to take on a project like this. I couldn't afford it and have sunk every brass farthing into her," Mr Law says. His determination impressed Peter Briggs, the Australian classic car collector and Admiral's Cup skipper, who gave Mr Law the money to complete his dream.

Mr Law, who is retained by Peter de Savary as a prospective skipper for his second tilt at the America's Cup, will be using Vera Mary this week to entertain friends and corporate clients, in between racing a class 1 yacht.

"After a three-year lay-off from competitive sailing, the schooner project has given me a fresh enthusiasm for racing," says Mr Law, a former Finn class world champion who represented Britain in the 1984 Olympic Games. "Now, I'm looking at getting back into the Olympics."

He is also looking for fellow investors to share the joy of owning a classic yacht. "I'm more the custodian of a piece of history than the owner. She will be around for very much longer than me, and it is important that she remains in British hands," he says.

MARK PEPPER



Seagoing heritage: Chris Law and the yacht he restored; "it took an idiot like me to take on a project like this. I couldn't afford it"

The Scots are on course

Grand Prix gives an opportunity to show international class

SCOTLAND's other intoxicating product is the beauty of the Clyde estuary *(Keith Wheatley writes)*. A year from now it will be home to the first-ever event of the International Formula One Class Yachting Grand Prix series. Identical 52ft racing yachts, crewed by professional sailors and star helmsman, will travel a world circuit beginning on the Clyde and ending in Australia six months later.

The prize money of approximately £550,000 is already beginning to attract interest from top skippers planning to assemble "works" teams.

Earlier this week, the first of the new class of yachts was taken to Gourock for trials. The boat is designed by Britain's Tony Castro and America'a Bruce Nelson, a member of Dennis Conner's design group for the 1986/7 America's Cup. Trials have already shown her to be exceptionally fast downwind.

The Scottish Development Agency is a partner in the project. "This will give us an opportunity to let the world know that we are a world class sailing centre with international facilities," said Tom Band, chief executive of the Scottish Tourist Board.

The Grand Prix organisers plan to take the yacht to Cowes Week and Mike McIntyre, Star class gold medallist at Seoul, and Harold Cudmore are among those sailors looking at the possibilities of the Grand Prix circuit.

"We calculate that a skipper needs to find half-a-million pounds of sponsorship for a full season's campaign," said Janice Batchelor of Challenge Group, who will operate the event in Britain. "Half of that is the cost of the yacht, the rest goes in travel and crew costs."

Formula One in action

From boy racers to a family weekend

NEW YACHT SEA TEST

Having been an exuberant and successful dinghy sailor, Phil Morrison is now entering the caution of middle life. "Nice wide side-decks," he commented as he climbed aboard the new Sigma 35 for a test ride.

"On some boats of this sort you're in peril of your life if you go up to the foredeck," says the Devon-based designer and boatbuilder.

The Sigma is designed to appeal to the club-racer who wants to compete in a CHS division. Simon Limb, of Marine Projects, the company that builds Sigmas, says: "Both the Sigma 33 and the 38 are one-design boats, rather orientated to offshore racing. This new boat is perhaps somewhat more flexible in the uses you can put it to. Family cruising as well as Saturday afternoon racing."

Mr Morrison's first reaction was pleasure at the soft, wide-radius curves of the coachroof. Its style is low and flowing, far more Ferrari than Ford. Bill Dixon is responsible for deck and interior, and David Thomas has drawn the rig, hull and keel, as he has done for earlier Sigmas.

"I don't like the very hard lines of some GRP production boats that still look as if they were made of mahogany and teak," Mr Morrison says. "I didn't expect a wheel on a boat this size that is designed for racing. But being an ex-dinghy man I'm probably a lot more tiller-orientated."

Out on Plymouth Sound in a warm 10-knot breeze, his views on the steering became distinctly complimentary. "It's so positive and the tracking is excellent. There's very little fall-off through a tack."

Sigma equip the new boat with North sails; two genoas (135 per cent and 100 per cent), mainsail and tri-radial spinnaker. Extra sails for the super-keen racer will be available from North on a production rather than one-off basis, providing a considerable saving.

"Our basic philosophy is that you can put it in the water and go club-racing right out of the box," Mr Limb explained.

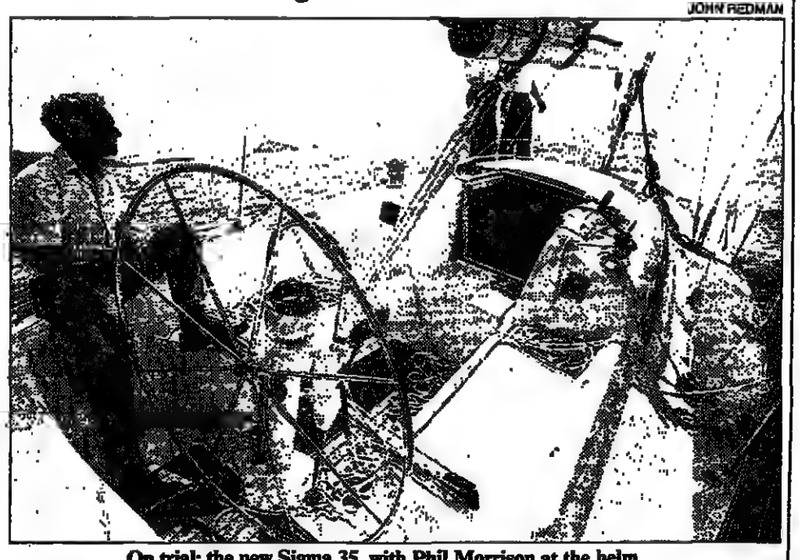
Meanwhile, Mr Morrison was trying, unsuccessfully, to induce a broach as we creamed along on a two-sail reach. "It's very well behaved," he shouted, almost disappointed at the boat's sure-footedness. "You'd have to be a bit of a cowboy to lose control of this one."

Below decks, the Sigma 35 is airy and uncluttered, helped by the lack of a floor-to-deckhead pillar in the galley area. Accommodation is for six, although four would be more comfortable.

The company hopes the Sigma 35 will break into the export market. One-designs are notoriously difficult to promote and support away from the producer's home country. A successful CHS and IMS racer like the 35 should be able to challenge Bénéteau and Janneau yachts on their home ground. Mr Limb hopes that 1991 production will be around 40 boats, half of them for export. "A boat like a Janneau Sélection is definitely a hairier racing machine, but don't forget you've got the hassle of rounding up eight or nine crew every weekend," Mr Morrison says.

Probably the Sigma's closest rival in the club fleets will be the Bénéteau 35S5. "It's lighter and would be quicker than us downwind," Mr Limb says. "But we should lose them in a breeze."

JOHN REDMAN



On trial: the new Sigma 35, with Phil Morrison at the helm

In the interests of simplicity and rig safety, Sigma has decided against running backstays. But the mast comes fitted with tangs so that they can be fitted if a dedicated "tweaker" so wishes, a customer choice of which Mr Morrison approves.

His final view of the Sigma 35 was that it was exactly the kind of well-made toy that affluent grown-ups should have, and not so demanding that only a muscular racing expert could sail it. "This is scaled-down America's Cup with all the dip-pole gybes and so forth," he says. "You can imagine that you're Dennis Conner."

KEITH WHEATLEY

● *The Sigma 35, in ready-to-race state, costs £53,250 plus VAT. Delivery from early 1991.*

Crusader lives to race again

WHAT does one do with America's Cup yachts once their racing days are over?

Owners of the famous pre-war J-Class yachts, such as Sir Thomas Sopwith, stripped them of their lead and left them to rust away in mud berths on the Hamble river until a future generation came along to resurrect them.

Smaller 12-metre yachts do not yet share the same classic status. Alan Bond's Australia II, the wing-keeled wonder that broke the longest sporting run in history, may have pride of place in a museum of Cup memorabilia at Fremantle, but, with few exceptions, the remainder have been left, forgotten, to gather dust and rainwater in sheds around the world.

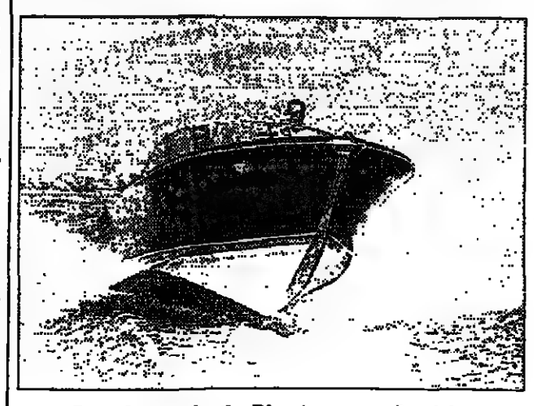
White Crusader, Britain's challenger in the 1986/7 Cup series, might have suffered a similar ignominious fate, had Richard Matthews not had the imagination to see other possibilities when confronted with the boat in a part-exchange deal against a new 68ft Oyster sailing cruiser, now nearing completion for Graham Walker at Peter de Savary's yard in Falmouth. Instead of having her smelted down for beer cans, the east coast yachtsman converted the 65ft yacht for his own use.

Now fitted with an engine, lifelines and the bare essentials below, Crusader is the largest competitor to race at Cowes this year.

"Not everyone has the chance to sail on an America's Cup yacht. I just wanted to have some fun," says Mr Matthews, who has already won line honours in two east coast races and hopes to do the same this week.

■ TIMED to coincide with Cowes Week, Imray Laurie None and Wilson, the chart publisher, has produced a coloured cruising guide to the tricky waters surrounding the Isle of Wight. Written by Derek Bowskill, *The Solent* (£19.95) will prove an invaluable companion to rock-hopping newcomers attempting to cheat the tides, as well as to cruising coves whose prime interest is to beat the river bustle and explore the charms of Newtown River, Wootton Creek, Bembridge and other quiet anchorages.

■ Tom McClean's madcap crossing of the Atlantic in a bottle continues. After setting out from New York on July 10, reports this week suggest that he has drifted past the halfway mark. "I'll be happy to be home," he radioed. Despite the four-poster bed that fills his cylindrical chamber, he complained: "The ride has been none too comfy," adding with characteristic optimism: "But I hope to be in Falmouth by August 15."



Powerboat style: the Riva Aquarama Special

■ YES, this is the £220,000 Riva Aquarama Special that should have been seen speeding across this page last week. The powerboat shown was not exactly an imposter: she was the latest Riva 60, costing £1.5 million (to be featured in a later issue). To the first 25 readers who pointed out the slip, we are sending a copy of the latest Riva catalogue, itself a collector's item.

Nicole Swengley survived storms and saw dolphins during the Two-Handed Transatlantic Race. She wants to do it again

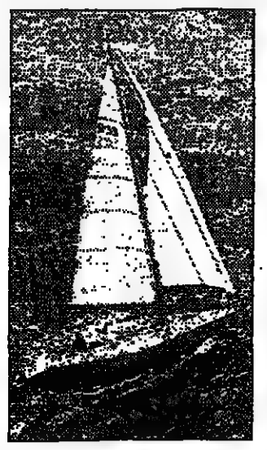
Once is just not enough

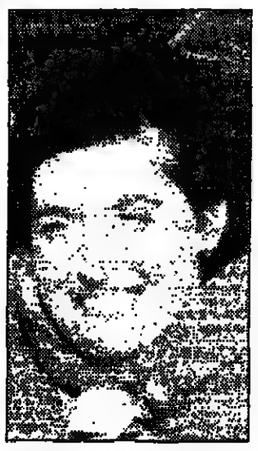
Crossing the finishing line at Newport, Rhode Island, and completing the Two-Handed Transatlantic Race about 28 days, 16 hours and 12 minutes after leaving Plymouth this summer is a moment I will never forget. Yet this classic four-yearly race, organised by the Royal Western Yacht Club, is under threat of extinction because of lack of sponsorship.

Ironically, the event's possible demise comes at a time when advances in navigation technology make the race more accessible to a growing number of experienced amateurs. For, unlike other yacht races, the Two-Handed Transatlantic is an event in which international sailing superstars in their 60-footers and amateur competitors in much smaller craft are equally eligible for entry.

Among the rivals of my colleague Nigel Rowe and myself were a financial consultant, accountant, fellow journalist, actor, chartered surveyor and a farmer and his wife; all non-professional sailors with a sense of adventure.

Apart from the sailing, it is the camaraderie and friendly rivalry that draw many to this particular event. Yet although more women are getting afloat these days, the numbers of those attracted by the transatlantic races, both singlehanded and two-handed, remain remarkably low. Of 74 competitors who set off this time, only seven were women.





Friendly rivalry: Nicole Swengley aboard Piper Rising

Perhaps one reason for this is the lack of home comforts aboard. The daily shower or bath becomes an occasional strip-wash on deck; the flush lavatory is replaced by a builder's bucket. Sleeping in short snatches, three hours on and three off throughout the night, may not appeal to some, while others might object to the lack of fresh food.

Living in a capsule smaller than the average bathroom means total lack of privacy. A long passage is demanding and relentless: if you argue you cannot walk away.

Cooking during a gale proved nearly impossible and sleep out of the question. Moving around inside the boat, sometimes at an angle of 45 degrees or more, meant lurching from one hand-hold to another like a zoo-caged chimpanzee. We would be carried to the top of 20ft waves only to be tipped over their crests to crash into steep-sided ravines. Sometimes the waves would break over the boat, rushing tons of water across the deck.

However, for every day that the weather scowled, there were several more when it smiled on us. Days when the sun shone from dawn to dusk and the breeze drew us swiftly across a softly undulating sea. Days when dolphins joined us for breakfast. Days when kneading a fresh loaf of bread in the cockpit was more of a pleasure than a chore.

It was for times like these that we lived and the best was the last day of the race, ending our four-week passage on the highest of notes. We wished we could have re-provisioned the boat and sailed off again.

Mixed weather and mixed fortunes meant we were one of only 26 to finish. Along the way 11 boats withdrew with problems ranging from gear failure or dismasting to suffering such severe damage and leaks that one boat was abandoned with the crew taken off by helicopter. Others limped back to Europe or up to Canada.

Since our return the questions most frequently asked have been: Are you still speaking to each other? Was it worth it? Did you enjoy it? Did either of you get scared? Did you argue? Would you do it again?

To all of the above, yes.

Executive Editor David Brewerton

BUSINESS

Job figures prompt interest rate speculation

Dow slides as oil threatens recession

From JOHN DURIE IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN financial markets were in turmoil for the second successive day yesterday amid a growing realisation that the invasion of Kuwait would force the American economy into a recession.

Wall Street plunged by more than 100 points to just above 2,760 points at lunchtime in New York, triggering automatic suspensions of program deals as billions of dollars were swapped into American bond markets.

Spot oil prices jumped by $2.59 a barrel to $25.70 for the West Texas Intermediate amid speculation on oil futures markets. This is a $10 increase since June 20. Peter Butel, vice-president of Merrill Lynch, said: "This is one of the craziest days I've ever seen on the market. There is simply pandemonium and no one can safely say just where prices will end."

The impact of Iraq's conquest was magnified by July employment figures in America well below expectations. Unemployment rose from 5.2 to 5.3 per cent and employment in the month dropped by 57,000 jobs against estimates of an increase of 120,000.

The bond markets expected the employment data produce an early cut in interest rates. But the Federal Reserve Board indicated in its market operations that it would wait until next week at least before cutting the overnight funds rate from 8 per cent.

Dick Berner, an economist with Salomon Brothers, said: "While the employment figures are not always a reliable guide, the bottom line from the figures is that the US economy is very weak and this will increase the Fed's bias towards cutting interest rates further."

Darwin Beck, an economist at First Boston, said: "It is highly likely the Fed will cut rates by at least another 0.25 per cent before next week's auction of $30.3 billion in new Treasury bonds. The employment figures show a weak economy and the Fed will probably not wait until next week's PPI figure before cutting rates."

Last month, the Fed cut its overnight funds rate from 8.25 to 8 per cent, the first interest rate cut this year.

The invasion of Kuwait was taking precedence on the stock market. David Hale, an economist at Kemper Financial Services, said: "It is now clear the US economy is moving quickly to a recession as oil prices of $25 a barrel will take between 1.5 and 2 per cent off GNP."

In the year to June, American GNP grew at just 1.2 per cent and early estimates for third quarter growth had pointed to 1.5 per cent.

Mr Hale said: "The Fed is in an unenviable position as it wants to cut interest rates, but the oil price rises will simply fuel inflation while cutting consumer spending."

The American oil industry was in confusion over just how the government would interpret its freeze order on Iraqi assets. The order on one reading says all Iraqi oil will be frozen even if American oil companies have already paid for their supplies.

The main oil companies spent yesterday negotiating with the government, trying to have the orders clarified so that only new orders or those not paid for will be frozen.

The United States imports half its oil needs and while its stock levels are high, about 65 per cent of oil imports are based on spot prices, which means any price increases quickly pass on to higher petrol prices.

American petrol prices have risen by eight cents a gallon since Iraq invaded Kuwait.

The panic in the financial markets is due to its confusion over what moves Iraq will make next and how long oil prices will remain high.

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Dealers await embargo decision

By MARTIN BARROW

OIL prices remained volatile, affecting share prices and currencies, as traders awaited the outcome of weekend talks between Western governments. These are expected to result in a trade embargo against Iraq, including oil.

In London, the price of September Brent approached $23.50 a barrel in late trading, against a closing price of $22.25 the previous day, after a strong opening in New York.

But with dealers waiting for a decision on the possibility of sanctions against Iraq and an embargo of Iraqi oil, Brent crude failed to test Thursday's highs of almost $24 a barrel.

Opec ministers ruled out an emergency session but reaffirmed their intention to ensure that quotas agreed last month in Geneva were enforced. Ginanjar Kartasasmita, Indonesia's energy minister, said in Jakarta: "Opec's agreement still exists, whatever happens, and I expect Opec countries to stick to their quotas.

"It should not be thought that we are happy with good prices because of the conflict. We want good oil prices but as a result of adherence to the Opec agreement to maintain stable oil prices beneficial to both consumers and producers."

In Tokyo, shipping officials said Japanese ship owners may impose an industry-wide restriction on entry into the Gulf.

The Japanese finance ministry has asked banks and securities companies to make strict checks on any requests for withdrawals or transfers of money from the Kuwaiti government or its affiliated agencies, said Masami Kogayu, the vice finance minister.

West Germany will freeze all Kuwaiti assets to prevent Iraq from seizing them, say government sources. Government guarantees on exports to Kuwait will also be suspended.

The American Customs Department seized 312,000 barrels of Iraqi crude oil at the port of Texas, responding to an executive order banning trade with Iraq. All oil imports from Iraq will be seized.

Bank to clarify freeze order on Kuwaiti assets

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE Bank of England has acted swiftly to defuse problems in the financial markets arising from the freezing of Kuwaiti assets on Thursday. On one estimate, about £300 million of banking and foreign exchange deals, as well as share trades, may have been left uncompleted.

Bargains entered into on the money, foreign-exchange and securities markets before 3pm London time on Thursday, when the freeze notice was issued, will be exempted. The waiver includes instructions for immediate payment involving Kuwaiti institutions. Deals on the gold and commodity markets should also be covered by the Bank's move.

The waiver follows consultations showing no evidence of unusual activity or that the Iraqi invaders had been able to manipulate funds before the freeze. All other transactions involving the Kuwaiti government or residents, including future arrangements for people with bank accounts, mortgages and other contracts requiring payments, will require approval from a special unit at the Bank.


Sir Adam Ridley: grateful

A helpline has been set up for companies or members of the public on 071-601 3309.

A detailed order on the impact of the freeze and arrangements for future business will be issued next week. Priority will be given to Kuwaiti citizens in London who may need to withdraw funds.

Sir Adam Ridley, a director of Hambros, which had £6 million of uncompleted deals involving Kuwait, said: "We are very grateful to the Bank. The notice takes us a very long way down the road to resolving these problems." Some institutions could still have international transactions open requiring permission from other governments which imposed a freeze, he said.

The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), based in London, has also taken action to stop its assets being plundered, especially where there is no legal freeze, including Switzerland. The KIO has instructed brokers world-wide that anybody trying to sell its assets will be doing so illegallly.

Dollar buying dried up as events in the Gulf quietened. The currency closed down half a pfennig at DM1.5929 in London.

The pound, by contrast, regained some of its petrocurrency characteristics, closing up 0.3 at 94.2 on the trade-weighted index. Sterling rose 60 points to $1.8560 and 0.78 pfennigs to DM2.9577.

The FT-SE 100 index closed down 19.9 points at 2,284.6.


ANDY WATTS
Stephen Adamson, joint administrator, putting proposals for the survival of British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank to creditors yesterday

Creditors of B&C bank 'should get their money'

By ANGELA MACKAY

CREDITORS of British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank, part of the collapsed financial services group, British & Commonwealth, were told yesterday by the bank's administrators that they would probably recover all the money owed them.

A meeting attended by about 200 creditors approved proposals for the bank's future prepared by the administrator, Ernst & Young. Their agreement also triggered payment to depositors under the Depositors Protection Scheme, which will be liable for between £30 million and £50 million according to the administrators. Depositors will be able to claim 75 per cent of their deposit, up to a maximum of £15,000.

Stephen Adamson, the joint administrator, said that he was "quite optimistic" that the bank would be sold within a few weeks. An information memorandum had been sent to 30 interested parties and several — including some foreign institutions — were now serious potential purchasers.

Analysts at Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbroker, said that the bank was likely to fetch about £90 million. Mr Adamson said that if it were not sold within a reasonable period, a scheme of voluntary arrangement would follow.

A creditors' committee of five was formed of representatives from the Depositors Protection Scheme; Midland Bank, standing for creditor banks; Stock Group, representing intermediaries; and two depositors' representatives from the Sevenoaks local authority and the London Housing Foundation, a charity.

Mr Adamson said that the bank had net reserves of almost £90 million, which "should ensure every creditor is paid in full".

BCMB reported unaudited pre-tax profits of £1.373 million in 1989, against £4.7 million previously, after providing for an exceptional item of £5.2 million relating to local authority loan swaps. In the six months to June 30, it made pre-tax profits of £1.9 million after an extraordinary loss of £460,000 was attributed to the cost of transferring its forward swaps book to Barclays Bank.

The bank's assets stand at £409.5 million, of which £218 million is in the loan book and £100 million is cash. Liabilities of £319.7 million include deposits of £282 million.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8560 (+0.0062)
W German mark
2.9557 (+0.0050)
Exchange index
94.2 (+0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
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FT-SE 100
2284.6 (-19.9)
New York Dow Jones
2770.30 (-94.30)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
29515.76 (-729.42)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base 15%
3-month interbank 15-14 15/16%
3-month eligible bills 14 3/8-14 5/16%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7 27-7 25%*
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CURRENCIES

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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $375 90 pm-$379 00
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New York:
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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ... $23 80bbl ($22 25)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2 475	2.315
Austria Sch	21 60	20 30
Belgium Fr	63 70	59 70
Canada $	2 22	2 10
Denmark Kr	11 77	11 07
Finland Mkk	7 30	6 90
France Fr	10 31	9 71
Germany Dm	3 08	2.90
Greece Dr	296	280
Hong Kong $	1 153	1 083
Ireland Pt	15 00	14 10
Italy Lira	2330	2190
Japan Yen	292 25	276 25
Netherlands Gld	3 45	3 25
Norway Kr	11 95	11 25
Portugal Esc	270 50	255 50
South Africa Rd	5 60	5 00
Spain Pta	188 75	176 75
Sweden Kr	11 24	10 64
Switzerland Fr	2 62	2 46
Turkey Lira	5150	4700
USA $	1 94	1 835
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Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 126 7 (June)

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Hughes Food passes final payout

By OUR CITY STAFF

HUGHES Food, the fish processor and cold store operator, is passing the final dividend after suffering a fall in pre-tax profits from £3.91 million to £3.67 million during the year to the end of March and charging extraordinary losses of £2.66 million for rationalisation costs.

The absence of a final dividend reduces the total from 1.5p a share to 0.25p, payable from earnings of 4.1p a share (5.2p). The shares traded unchanged at 18½p.

The Grimsby-based company was adversely affected by an uncertain fish market and disruption caused by rationalisation of the food supply division, which saw profits before tax and interest fall from £1.3 million to £500,000.

Profits from food services fell from £2.5 million to £1.6 million, but machinery and construction activities increased their contribution to £2.4 million (£1.6 million).

Interest charges rose from £1.5 million to £1.9 million, although year-end borrowings were £20.3 million (£25.78 million).


ANDY WATTS
Uncertain market: Andy Johnson, financial director, and John Hughes, chairman

Bond sues four main shareholders in BSB

By OUR MEDIA STAFF

BOND Corporation, the troubled flagship company of Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, issued a writ yesterday against the four main shareholders in British Satellite Broadcasting, claiming damages for breach of express and implied contractual obligations.

Once the biggest shareholder, with 34 per cent, Mr Bond's stake has fallen to 7.5 per cent. Last week he failed to keep a deadline agreed with the four major shareholders to sell his stake to a party agreeable to them.

The writ is issued jointly against Pearson, Granada, Reed International and Chargeurs of France, which each own about 21 per cent of BSB Holdings. They refused to give Mr Bond an extension.

Last night the four issued a joint statement that said Mr Bond had "twice acknowledged in recent months, in legally binding contracts, that he had no claims whatever" against them. "The proceedings will be firmly resisted and we are totally confident, on the basis of legal advice received, that they will not succeed," the statement concluded.

Despite three potential buyers for the stake, Robert Maxwell, Conrad Black and Carlton Communications, none could complete the deal. Mr Maxwell is believed to be still interested.

Mr Bond's stake was diluted at the end of May when he did not take up his rights in a £900 million refinancing package. Despite the dilution, Mr Bond was given an extension to try to find a buyer from an agreed list of six potential purchasers.

Bond Corp is involved in negotiations with its bankers and creditors to stave off liquidation. The next big test for the company will be on Thursday when holders of Bond Corp's convertible bonds meet to decide whether to grant a moratorium on interest payments and approve the sale of Bond Brewing to Bell Resources, another Bond company.

Profit falls at Irish newspaper company

By PHILIP PANGALOS

INDEPENDENT Newspapers, the Irish Republic's biggest newspaper chain, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from Ir£11.9 million to Ir£5.92 million (£5.35 million) in the six months to end-June. Group turnover climbed from Ir£70.4 million to Ir£73.8 million.

Last time, however, the figures were boosted by an exceptional credit of Ir£5.92 million.

The board has made a provision of Ir£1.5 million against the company's 20 per cent investment in Golden Grid, a UK-based company that promotes a computerised lottery game called Skill Ball. This was offset by a Ir£1.32 million gain on the disposal of the company's remaining shares in Reuters, making an overall exceptional loss of Ir£181,000.

Operating profits advanced to Ir£8.45 million. However, the group's investment programme increased interest payments from Ir£409,000 to Ir£2.35 million.

Earnings per share fell from 22.8p to 14.1p, although earnings excluding exceptional items rose from 13.2p to 14.7p. The interim dividend is improved from 4p to 4.5p.

The company said it will be having discussions with its staff and union representatives over the coming weeks aimed at immediately bringing cost structures into line with those of the Press Group, the Irish newspaper group that is the company's main competitor. The Press Group reached agreement for the implementation of direct input as well as substantial changes in work practices, substantially reducing costs.

The company said its Irish operations yielded satisfactory results as a consequence of advertising revenue buoyancy, although profit margins remain "below internationally acceptable standards".

However, the group's UK operations suffered as a result of deteriorating market conditions towards the end of the period, although the decline was offset by rationalisation.

Winsor hit by falling demand

From LULU YU
IN HONG KONG

WINSOR Industrial Corp, Hong Kong's largest textile company, saw net profits drop 13.4 per cent to HK$248 million (£17.3 million) for the year to end-March, reflecting difficult conditions and weak markets for the clothing industry.

Winsor has been affected by high inflation, labour shortages and smaller orders from major markets in America, Britain and Europe. Most textile and garment firms — which produce around 40 per cent of the colony's domestic exports — have seen squeezed margins cut into profits.

Winsor's turnover for the year fell 2 per cent to HK$2.33 billion. Earnings per share were 95 cents (110 cents). On a pre-tax basis, overall profit margin on sales of textile and clothing items was 8.5 cents per dollar (9.3 cents).

Enter the Western Australian fraud squad

Police find more dirt than gold

By COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

SALT (in tablet form) would have been very useful in the English heat yesterday. But in Australia, salt has become a dirty word.

Perilya Mines, a small Western Australian exploration company, with which a number of mining entrepreneurs are associated, yesterday told the Perth Stock Exchange and a shocked mining community that it had called in the fraud squad.

Detectives, it said, were examining initial assay reports from the company's Karpa Spring gold prospect, northeast of Perth. In July, company assays showed a gold content of between 22.4 and 28.1 grams a tonne.

The announcement of those figures sent shivers of gold fever through the mining city of Kalgoorlie, Perth and finally London, for the average grade of Western Australian finds is around 3 grams a tonne.

Perilya's discovery seemed to show that the days of the small-time explorer were far from over. It was not just the big and the great mining houses that could find gold. However, it now appears that the sandbags that contained the original dirt sent for assay might have been "salted" — in other words doctored.

Karpa Spring was discovered in October by a group of private prospectors. The property lies south of the Great Northern Highway, is adjacent to two salt lakes, and has an emu fence running through it.

The area's potential was thought so high that a Perth-based syndicate bought in. Last month, Noranda mining group of Canada, one of the world's giants, said it was buying in.

The Perth-based syndicate said Noranda had bought a 30 per cent stake for A$6.15 million (£2.63 million) and had an option until September 11 on a further 20 per cent for A$4 million. The original prospectors would retain a 5 per cent gross royalty on all production from Karpa Spring.

On July 12, when the sensational grades and the Noranda deal were announced, Perilya shares jumped to a high of 47 Australian cents. Yesterday, its shares were suspended for the second time in five days. They last traded at 7 cents. In an announcement to the Perth Stock Exchange, Perilya said: "It is now believed that it is unlikely that a gold mineralising system exists within the area drilled."

Instead of re-proving grades of up to 28.1 grams of gold per tonne, follow-up drilling had found a highest grade of only 0.016 grams a tonne, it said.

Det Insp Adrian Storm said: "It may be possible that the earlier samples have been interfered with." He said that fraud squad detectives and a government mining expert would supervise further drilling, planned for next week.

A field geologist working for Perilya said from Perth yesterday "It has been one hell of a week".

Ross Louthean, mining analyst and managing author of the Register of Australian Mining, said Perilya's announcement was "a disaster for the Western Australian exploration and investment community and would do the state's mining reputation little good."

If Karpa's assays have been salted, it would have required a high degree of sophistication. The original sandbags in which the assays were transported could have been impregnated with a gold-rich cyanide solution.

Drilling, however, might have been through the "eye" of a gold vein, which would have given freak results.

In its July 12 statement, Perilya said "assay results have returned high grade gold mineralisation in all 11 of the second and third phase holes. Coarse gold was observed."

Australian analysts are not writing off Perilya entirely. There might be a plausible explanation. But last night, the local police were taking unusual interest in the drilling.

They too had heard the original sensational reports, and many a Western Australian policeman is now a Perilya shareholder.

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Tootal bid alert as Coats sales permit offer


Alliance: free to bid again

By Colin Campbell

TOOTAL Group is once again on bid alert now that Coats Viyella has conformed with instructions from the Department of Trade and Industry and disposed of its British thread business and a 20 per cent stake in Gutermann, the German thread manufacturer.

The divestments, recommended by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, automatically restore full voting rights attached to Coats Viyella's 29.9 per cent holding in Tootal, and give Coats Viyella freedom to propose a fresh takeover/merger if it should so wish.

Sir David Alliance, Coats Viyella's chairman and chief executive, would not be drawn on whether his group was getting ready to mount a fresh bid.

Sir David still believes that the commercial and industrial logic of a merged Coats Viyella and Tootal remains, but says that he is not prepared to pay a "silly price" for Tootal.

Coats Viyella has also extricated itself from having to reduce its 29.9 per cent stake in Tootal to 9.9 per cent — which it would have been obliged to do had it not agreed to the MMC recommendations.

The cat-and-mouse game between Coats Viyella and Tootal continues. The two groups have been in a love-hate state since their initially agreed merger was referred for an MMC reference in June of last year, after which, in December, they called off all formal talks.

In May of last year, the two groups had agreed merger terms on the basis of one Coats share and £4 in cash for every Tootal share, valuing all of Tootal at £395 million, and equivalent to 138.4p. There was a cash alternative of 133p a Tootal share.

By late November, however, it was indicated in investment circles that if Coats Viyella did proceed with a renewed offer for Tootal, it would be at a price less than that originally indicated.

Neither side has ever formally commented about that development, but on December 20 Tootal formally said that it had withdrawn from discussions regarding a renewed offer from Coats Viyella.

Tootal added yesterday that, since that date, there has been no formal duscussions between the two sides.

There have, however, been informal talks between individuals — but in the higher ranks of both companies, the battle lines have long since been drawn.

Yesterday, Sir David said: "We will not pay a silly price."

Geoffrey Maddrell, Tootal's chief executive, yesterday said: "If anybody wants Tootal, then they are going to have to pay for it. Nobody is going to take Tootal on the cheap."

Meanwhile, Coats Viyella's 29.9 per cent Tootal holding is valued in its own books at 65p a share.

Tootal shares yesterday closed at 79½p, up 2½p. Coats Viyella shares closed at 120p, down 2p.

Mr Maddrell said that although his group had entered last year's talks with Tootal in good faith and with a degree of confidence, "as time has passed, the differences have become wider".

He said: "Our managers, many of whom originally asked 'Well, how it is going to work? Who is going to run the show?', are now saying 'We told you so'.

"Meanwhile, we are all getting on with running our business in a climate which is difficult for the entire textile industry."

Although both groups have international exposure, sterling's strength is not helping home operations.

Interim reports from both of the groups are due soon. Tootal's is due out on October 1, and Coats Viyella's on September 13.

The date of a new Coats bid for Tootal is not as easy to determine. Sir David is to go on holiday next week.

British Midland challenge for BA

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

THE increasingly bitter battle of words between British Midland and British Airways over the cost of operating inland domestic air services intensified yesterday, when Michael Bishop, BMA chairman, challenged BA to prove that it was not losing money on the routes.

"We know from British Airways' published accounts that in 1989-90 they achieved a turnover of £476 million on UK routes and £1,275 million on European routes. Yet they managed a combined UK and European profit of just £17 million, and claim they are unable to break down the UK element of this," said Mr Bishop.

BA fares on European routes were, on a pro rata basis, at least 30 per cent higher than on UK routes, making it clear where the profit came from, he added.

Mr Bishop has appealed to the Civil Aviation Authority to order BA to reduce Scottish shuttle services and a full hearing is scheduled for October.

"We believe the claim by British Airways that they are making money on UK trunk routes could be misleading and indicates that they are able to break down profitability on these routes.

"We challenge them to disprove our belief that they are incurring losses."

Commenting on its shuttle services, British Airways said: "The overall market is up, our market share is up and both passenger numbers and yields are healthy.

"We are making money, but as a matter of policy we never break down any individual route as it is commercially sensitive."

British Midland admits that its own profits on the routes are "marginal" and accuses BA of flooding the Heathrow-Glasgow service with excess capacity, leading to lower load factors for both airlines.

The two airlines would have to sustain larger losses or raise fares if they were to break even, the BMA spokesman added.

Barclays to sell Mercantile after 31% interim profit fall

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

BARCLAYS Bank is selling its Mercantile Credit finance house and is searching for a financial services or overseas acquisition, after suffering a 31 per cent slump in profits in the first half of the year. Mercantile Credit is expected to fetch about £200 million.

Profits before Third World debt write-offs fell £262 million to £591 million, at the bottom end of City forecasts, because of a threefold increase in other bad-debt provisions to £458 million.

Sir John Quinton, chairman, said: "We feel our results are reasonable but they are less than satisfactory in relation to our internal objectives."

Barclays is selling Mercantile Credit because it competes with branch lending and earns lower returns than the main bank. Mercantile Group's profits halved to £17 million between January and June because of increased bad debts and pressure on its interest-rate margins.

The subsidiary has outstanding loans of £1.5 billion and £150 million in net assets and is expected to raise more than £200 million in a closed auction. The disposal will leave Barclays' reserves strong enough to afford a £500 million acquisition.

Sir John said this could be a financial services company in Britain, whose sales force could sell savings products to Barclays' 6 million customers.

The bank's financial services division increased profits by 17 per cent to £98 million, due to a rise in life assurance and pension sales.

Barclays is looking to extend its European network. It was narrowly beaten by National Westminster in the bidding for L'Européenne de Banque in France.

Bad-debt provisions in Britain reached £290 million, more than £1.6 million a day. Of this £97 million was for British & Commonwealth, the largest single bank provision ever made against a British company. Many bad debts were caused by small businesses formed since 1988, said Sir John. "But it was still right for us to invest in these businesses," he said. "A risk-averse banker is a lousy banker who does not make profits."

Despite the bad debts, Barclays' figures were still better than many of the banks that have reported in the past week. Its dividend by contrast was raised only to 9.15p, up 12 per cent but below the increases at Lloyds and NatWest. The bank's shares fell 8p to 374p.

Barclays' Central Retail Services subsidiary, which runs its credit-card operations, suffered a loss of £12 million against profits of £19 million last time. Part of the downturn was caused by the cost of introducing an £8 annual fee on Barclaycard in May and launching a Mastercard.

Barclaycard said 700,000 of its 9 million customers had torn up and returned their cards since the imposition of a charge, in line with its forecasts. About 400,000 had applied for the Mastercard.

Profits fell by a third at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities and corporate finance arm. The bank blamed the fall in equity turnover, particularly the collapse of the Japanese equity warrant market at the start of the year.

Overall, the group increased its income by 8 per cent to £2.9 billion. Net interest income came under pressure from an £800 million fall in non-interest bearing current account balances.

Income was outstripped by a 9 per cent rise in operating expenses to £1.87 billion. This pushed the bank's cost-income ratio, the measure of its efficiency, up from 63.7 per cent to 64.3 per cent.

Profits were also inflated by £35 million from a fall in the bank's pension contribution. Barclays has reduced its contribution after discovering a £1.3 billion surplus in its pension funds.

In the first half last year, Barclays wrote off £263 million in Third World debt. This year there was a write-back of £11 million. The bank sold £600 million of debt in the half year.

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Feeling the heat: Sir John Quinton, Barclays chairman, yesterday

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Record white knight bid for Easterbrook lapses

RECORD Holdings' £13.2 million white knight takeover bid for the privately owned cutting tools company Easterbrook Allcard has lapsed, leaving the Sheffield-based power tool maker with a 25.8 per cent stake in its former target. The announcement means control of Easterbrook passes into the hands of James Wilkes, the engineering company, which last month won a court hearing over a disputed 10 per cent stake in the target. This allowed Wilkes to claim more than 50 per cent acceptances.

Record has also announced a 13.3 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £2.1 million for the six months to 30 June. Turnover was down marginally at £18.8 million. Michael Mallett, chairman, said he did not expect to see any improvement in demand while high interest rates persist. The interim dividend increased by 15 per cent to 1.15p.

SG Warburg in Swiss deal

SG WARBURG, the merchant bank, is consolidating its position in Switzerland by buying the other half of SG Warburg Soditic, its capital market joint venture, for £33 million. It is also selling its half share of Bank SG Warburg Soditic, an investment manager in Zurich, to Mercury Asset Management, of which Warburg owns 75 per cent, for £22 million.

Williams has 3% of Rolfe

WILLIAMS Holdings' pension plan has emerged as a 3 per cent shareholder in Rolfe & Nolan Computer Services, a computer software group. The announcement, made under the new disclosure rules, says Williams Holdings owns 80,000 shares. Michael Warburg, Rolfe & Nolan's chief executive, said Williams Holdings had been a shareholder for some time.

AMS in takeover talks

AMS Industries, the troubled studio-equipment manufacturer, has announced that it is in talks that may lead to its being taken over. A statement from the company said that, if successful, the proposed takeover would "bring some benefit of synergy to both parties".

The announcement comes during a period of sharp decline in demand for the Lancashire-based company's digital audio hard disc products. Turnover in the six months to May 31 fell 21 per cent to £2.81 million. As a result, interim pre-tax losses increased nearly fourfold on last year to £375,000. There is no interim dividend.

Lincoln back in the red

LINCOLN House, the USM furniture group, has fallen back into losses after last year reporting its first profit for five years. In the six months to June the company made a pre-tax loss of £853,000, compared to a first-half profit of £165,000 the year before. Again there is no dividend. Group turnover fell from £10.3 million to £7.8 million.

Charlton sale complete

CONRAD Continental, the leather clothing and fashion accessories company, has completed the acquisition of Charlton Enterprises, Bobby Charlton's soccer and sports schools business. Mr Charlton, the former England and Manchester United footballer, has been appointed to Conrad's board. He has an initial five-year contract and will be paid £50,000 per year.

Windsor chief resigns

PHILIP Reid, who joined Windsor, the Lloyd's insurance broker, in January, has resigned as chief executive, in circumstances described by the company as "amicable".

Mr Reid joined Windsor in what was seen as a key step in the group's diversification plans. Last December, Windsor took a 75 per cent interest in Commercial Holdings, a Sheffield-based financial services company that intended to establish a franchise network to broke commercial loans. However, Commercial went into liquidation at the begining of July after "substantial losses". This caused a £900,000 write-down in Windsor's investment in Commercial.

HK trade centre sold to BCIL

From Lulu Yu
in Hong Kong

HONG KONG Land, the colony's biggest landlord, is selling the World Trade Centre, a 44-storey commercial building, for HK$1.72 billion (£119.25 million) in a bid to trim non-core assets.

The buyer is Bond Corp International (BCIL), the former Bond Corp offshoot taken over by Thomson Pacific, which is controlled by Stanley Ho, the casino tycoon.

The deal is the first acquisition of a Hong Kong property by BCIL since the takeover. "The board of BCIL believes the acquisition represents a unique investment opportunity to acquire a prestigious building in a prime commercial district in Hong Kong," said Jackson Chang, a BCIL director.

Alisdair Morrison, Hong Kong Land's property managing director, said: "This sale of a non-core central asset gives the company greater freedom to pursue other investment opportunities."

The company, whose portfolio consists of some of the most expensive properties in Hong Kong, has been trimming its residential and non-central assets since 1986, in a restructuring that turned it into one of the most profitable listed firms in the colony.

The World Trade Centre has a club and cinema.

BA joins Logica in software venture

By Philip Pangalos

BRITISH Airways and Logica, the computer software group, have agreed to establish a joint venture that will provide software services to the air transport industry worldwide.

Speedwing Logica, which will be 51 per cent owned by British Airways and 49 per cent by Logica, plans to start operating on September 1.

It is expected to grow from about 30 people in the first six months to more than 150 people over the next three years. Speedwing Logica will operate according to Logica's methods.

BA has already sold software and services to over 130 other airlines and commercial companies, and will provide Speedwing Logica with a minimum level of software development business and rights to sell certain existing British Airways' systems.

The new company will develop systems for, and provide staff resources to, BA as well as developing, selling and supporting software systems for the air transport industry worldwide.

It will have exclusive marketing rights for the systems it develops, and will build up a strong third party customer base.

Initially, Bedford Associates, BA's American subsidiary which specialises in transaction processing facility (TPF) systems, will remain outside the new company. However, in 18 to 24 months the possibility of bringing it closer together with Speedwing Logica will be examined.

David Mann, Logica's managing director, said: "The joint venture should enable us to capitalise on a formidable combined capability much more forcefully than either of us could have achieved alone."

Mr Mann estimates that turnover could reach £10 million in the next few years. He said the joint venture should make a small contribution to this year's profits, although more substantial benefits will come later.

Mr Mann added: "We see the airline industry worldwide as an exciting sector. They are all spending a lot more money on information systems."

British Airways shares rose 3½p to 189p, while Logica firmed by 3p to 205p.

G&B buys part of Coloroll

By Our City Staff

THE receivers at Coloroll have sold part of the home furnishings group's wallpaper business to Graham & Brown, the privately owned wallpaper manufacturer, for an undisclosed sum. The sale is the fourth major disposal at the group in a fortnight.

Graham & Brown has bought about half Coloroll's wall coverings business, with an annual turnover of around £28 million.

G&B has acquired Coloroll's Blackburn factory and the jobs of the 137 employees there have been secured. G&B has also bought some of the plant and machinery from Coloroll's Gainsborough factory where the receivers made 200 employees redundant yesterday.

The acquistion is the first non-management buyout of a major Coloroll subsidiary and is expected to double G&B's business, taking turnover to around £30 million a year after some of Coloroll's businesses have been discontinued. David Brown, G&B joint managing director, said there are some export businesses that are not profitable.

Bill Roberts, of Ernst & Young, the receiver, said he is in talks with interested parties for all the remaining Coloroll subsidiaries, which include the glassware business at Chesterfield, the remainder of the wall covering business, and Edinburgh Crystal.

To date, over £45 million has been raised from the sale of subsidiaries. Coloroll went into receivership in June owing more than £300 million.

Grim numbers game in East Germany

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

EAST Germany's hopes of adopting a free-market system are suffering another hitch because many of its companies will not be able to install proper accounting systems by end-October as planned.

The Treuhandanstalt, East Germany's privatisation agency, said that there would be "considerable difficulties" before East German companies could enjoy this final blessing of capitalism.

The admission highlights yet another miscalculation by the authorities of both East and West Germany, which appear to have underestimated the administrative consequences and costs of German monetary union.

The delays expected in establishing accounts are partly due to the low priority attached to the problem by the East German government. A law to establish company audits has yet to be approved by the Volkskammer, now in recess. The situation will last another five weeks.

West German auditors are daunted by the task of establishing opening Deutschmark balance sheets for East Germany's 8,000 Volkseigene Betriebe within a period of only eight weeks. There are only 6,000 auditors in West Germany, and the largest practice, KPMG Deutsche Treuhand-Gesellschaft, part of the British Peat Marwick McLintock, has had to deploy regional staff in areas as far off as the Black Forest to keep up with preparatory work.

They face investigating East German companies that used to have a somewhat different attitude towards accounts. There were concepts of profit, assets and liabities. East German managers confined themselves to providing statistics of sales, raw material imputs and costs. The Treuhandanstalt says that most East German managers did not know the concept of "reserves" even a month after capitalism's arrival in the country.

"How do you value a Trabant car?" asked Erik Sonnemann, a Berlin-based KPMG auditor. An East German company would probably have paid some 17,000 Ostmarks, but the car, considered in West Germany a piece of rust even when new, will fetch almost nothing today.

Auditors, unable to work on the historic-cost basis, need to establish the so-called reconstruction value of a company, the amount necessary to build an identical firm.

Worse still, the example of the Trabant car highlights the possibility that West German auditors may simply arrive at the conclusion that East German companies are worth little, if anything. In that case, West German auditors would become East Germany's corporate undertakers.

Shareholders lose out in new deal

Management team buys Sock Shop for £3.25m

By Gillian Bowditch

THE assets of Sock Shop International, the niche retailer which was founded by Sophie Mirman and her husband Richard Ross and which at one time was valued at more than £70 million on the USM, have been sold for £3.25 million to a new management team backed by Murray Johnstone, the Scottish financial group. The new company will be called Sock Shop Holdings.

Shareholders and creditors will receive nothing in the deal. After the assets have been sold off, BDO Binder Hamlyn, the Sock Shop administrators, are expected to put the company into liquidation.

The new management team is led by Juan Olaso, who becomes managing director. He was formerly managing director of Omega UK, the watch manufacturer. Barclay Douglas, a director of Murray Johnstone Developments, will become finance director. A chairman will be appointed shortly. As well as Murray Johnstone, two businessmen who helped arrange the deal, Paul McGlade and William Fitch, will have a stake in the business. Mr Fitch will become a non-executive director of Sock Shop.

In addition to the purchase price, Murray Johnstone has invested £3.75 million for working capital. The company will have no bank borrowings and initially Murray Johnstone will have a controlling stake. Barclays Bank is expected to write off around £15 million of Sock Shop's debt.

The new management team has acquired 50 British shops from the administrators and has plans to re-open 35 of the British shops which were closed by the administrators in May. The 11 French shops have also been purchased.

Mr Olaso believes Sock Shop, which made a loss of £3.9 million in the six months to last August, may be in profit on a month-to-month basis within 90 days. He says the British market can support up to 120 Sock Shops and there are plans for eventual expansion in Europe. The new team has no plans to re-enter the US market where Sock Shop originally incurred significant losses.

No further redundancies are expected among the existing 200 Sock Shop staff, and the re-opening of the 35 British shops, which were closed in May, will provide a further 80 jobs.

Miss Mirman, who has plans to go back into retailing, said last night: "Having been determined to remain with Sock Shop during the difficult period under administration, Richard and I are pleased that the future of the business is secured. We are obviously disappointed that the final chapter hasn't brought an entirely happy ending and we hope that the dedication, honesty and commitment we have always endeavoured to provide to our products, staff and customers will continue under the new owners".

Peter DuBuisson, senior insolvency partner at BDO Binder Hamlyn, said the main purpose of the administration had been to find investors for the company.


Moving on: Richard Ross and Sophie Mirman

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei ends below 30,000 in second day of heavy falls

Tokyo
SHARES closed sharply lower yesterday for the second day in succession after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on Thursday sent oil prices surging and raised fears of inflation and interest-rate rises.

The Nikkei index ended 2.41 *per cent lower and below* 30,000 points for the first time in three months. The Nikkei lost 729.42 points to close at its day's low of 29,515.76, after falling by 592.81 on Thursday.

Some brokers referred to 30,000 points as a support level, but, after it was breached in early trading, one said: "It is hard to know where the support is, if there is any." Trading was light with many investors staying on the sidelines, awaiting further news.

Turnover rose to 430 million shares against 400 million on Thursday. But one foreign broker said: "People are not ready to jump out of windows. It seems pretty relaxed."

Share index futures arbitrageurs unwinding long cash positions sporadically spurred declines. More selling is seen before the expiry of September contracts on September 13. The market has already been adjusting to higher interest rates and the Middle East has extended this correction.

The Nikkei was down by 4.4 per cent on the week and 10.7 per cent since July 19 when it started its recent slide. Prices opened lower after a drop of nearly 35 points on Wall Street overnight.

A foreign broker said: "Wall Street was predictable. It is the oil prices that are of more concern." Oil prices soared by up to 15 per cent on Thursday to their highest level in four years. Japan is especially worried about the security of Middle Eastern supplies since it imports virtually all its oil, about 70 per cent of it from the Gulf.

Ross Rowbury, a senior broker at Sanyo Securities, said: "If the situation settles down over the weekend, perhaps next week investors will be back focusing on the American interest-rate scene." *A higher dollar would make it easier for America to ease interest rates. Investors are* watching America closely and are waiting to see if events in the Gulf further intensify.

Stephen Church, the head of research at UBS Phillips & Drew International, said: "If they do cross into Saudi Arabia, the situation is extremely serious."

President Bush said on Thursday that America had not ruled out any option.

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Prices still tumbling: Tokyo floor-traders yesterday

Dow drops 63 points at start of trading

New York
THE Dow Jones industrial average dropped 63 points to 2,801.6 in early trading. Blue chips tumbled, buffeted by worries about inflation and the sluggish economy. Falling shares outnumbered rises by five to one.

American crude oil prices continued to rise because of Iraq-Kuwait tensions, while the United States employment report for July showed surprisingly weak growth.

The Chicago Board of Trade's Major Market Index August futures contract fell by its 20-point limit.

Tom Callahan, the executive vice-president at Yamaichi International, said: "These things are in a free-fall. *The specialists are not going to* stand in the way and neither are buyers."

● **Sydney** — The market closed sharply lower ahead of the weekend as nervousness and confusion because of Middle East developments set in. The All-Ordinaries index finished near its low at 1,589.7, off 27.2 points, with most of the losses sustained in hectic afternoon trading.

A Smith New Court broker said a number of factors contributed to the late fall, including a rumour that troops had been sent towards the Saudi border. A slump in the Japanese market and a fall in the futures also affected sentiment.

● **Frankfurt** — Shares ended 1.5 per cent lower as worries about the consequences of Iraq's invasion and growing concern about the costs to West Germany of East German economic reform unsettled the market.

The DAX index ended *28.44 down at 1,840.94, above* its low for the day of 1,837.12. The DAX has lost 78.87 points, or 4.1 per cent, this week. Dealers said that British investors sold in low volumes early in the day. They were joined by other foreign operators later.

● **Singapore** — Prices closed *broadly softer,* but *off* the day's lows on late bargain-hunting in moderately active trading. The *Straits Times* industrial index fell 21.45 to 1,511.05 after falling to 1,505.72 in early-afternoon trading.

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Hang Seng steadies to end 58 lower

Hong Kong
PRICES steadied in late-afternoon trading, closing off their lows after market talk that Iraq was moving its troops towards Saudi Arabia faded.

The Hang Seng index, down 74 points to the day's low of 3,341 early in the afternoon on the talk, retrieved some losses to end 58.23 points lower at 3,356.95. The broader-based Hong Kong index fell 38.42 points to 2,209.27.

Turnover eased to HK$1.88 billion (£131 million) against HK$1.9 billion on Thursday. Cheung Kong was top of the active list, sliding 20 cents to HK$13.10, followed by Hongkong Land, which, unlike most blue chips, gained. It rose 5 cents to HK$8.85. BCIL has bought the World Trade Centre, a Causeway Bay office building, from HK Land for HK$1.72 billion. *(Reuter)*

STOCK MARKET

Bear raid by market-makers pushes brewery shares lower

DEALERS may have been sizzling in the City yesterday as the heatwave persisted but brewery shares were flat after becoming the target of a bear raid by market-makers desperately short of stock.

In an attempt to obtain much-needed stock, market-makers took advantage of the nervous conditions to make a concerted effort to drive the sector lower. But their manoeuvre had only limited success with few sellers appearing despite the losses.

The brewers have been firm of late, underpinned by the hot weather which has made them struggle to keep pace with demand. **Grand Metropolitan**, a big dollar-earner, fell 21p to 629p, upset by the strength of sterling. **Allied-Lyons** lost 6p at 501p and **Guinness** fell 20p to 776p, worried about a downturn in the Japanese economy because of the rising oil price. Both companies export heavily to Japan.

There were also losses for **Bass**, 21p to £10.75, **Greenall Whitley**, 3p to 346p, **Scottish & Newcastle**, 7p to 347p and **Whitbread A**, 15p to 445p.

The rest of the equity market ended an eventful, two-week account on a dull note. After trading in narrow limits for most of the day, prices went into freefall during after-hours' trading following an opening 65-point drop on *Wall Street. Prices in London* later recovered to close off the bottom. The FT-SE 100 index ended 19.9 down at 2,284.6 — a fall on the account of 115.1 — after being almost 31 points lower at one stage.

The FT 30 index lost 18.0 at 1,793.4. Turnover remained subdued with 523 million shares traded. Government securities were left with losses of £1 at the longer end.

Oils continued to hold the centre of the stage, helped by the firm crude price. **BP** rose 3p to 364p with 17 million shares traded, while **Clyde Petroleum** added 6p at 200p, **Goal Petroleum** 6p at 114p, **Hardy Oil** 13½p at 212½p, **Lasmo** 11p at 472p, **Sovereign Oil & Gas** 5p at 209p, **Triton Europe** 16p at 182p, **Ultramar** *8p at 357p and* **Shell** *1p* to 495p.

Enterprise Oil was another firm market, climbing 7p to 683p. There was talk this week that Atlantic Resources, which bought Tricentrol a couple of years ago, had been in talks with ICI and Elf Aquitaine, the French state-owned oil company, which, between them, own 50 per cent of Enterprise. But Paul Spedding, an oil analyst at Kleinwort Benson, the broker, *believes* that the strength of the Enterprise price owes more to the oil price than to bid speculation.

He said: "I think it is the oil price that is responsible for the strength of the sector and there is a little more to go. Oil shares are still discounting $23 a barrel."

British Aerospace continued to benefit from the conflict in the Middle East. Brokers claim that even if there is an early settlement of the Iraq/Kuwait dispute, the other Arab countries will almost certainly increase their defence spending. The price finished 15p dearer at 579p.

The insurance composites were a nervous market ahead of the start of their interim-dividend season, starting next week. Analysts are bracing themselves for some gloomy news from the insurers. They are expected to have incurred substantial losses from storm damage this year.

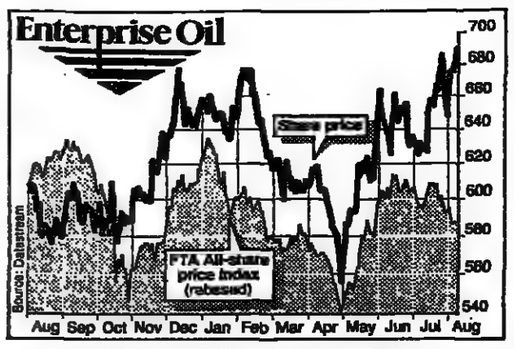
Falls were seen in **Commercial Union**, reporting Tuesday, 8p to 477p, **Royal Insurance**, *1p to 446p,* **Sun Alliance**, *6p to* 303p, while **General Accident**, also reporting on Tuesday, firmed 2p to 502p and **Guardian Royal Exchange** strengthened a similar sum to 216p.

During the day, **Hawker Siddeley** clawed back some of Thursday's sharp fall, stemming from worries about the loss of contracts in the Middle East, but still finished 1p cheaper at 544p. Analysts have pointed out that only 2 per cent of the group's workload is in the Middle East.

Interim figures from Hawker next month are expected to show pre-tax profits *down from £93 million to* about £70 million because of losses in the contracting division. GKN eased another 1p to 361p ahead of its figures next week, expected to show half-time taxable profits falling from £110 million to below £100 million with some forecasts as low as £90 million.

The main downturn is believed to be on the automotive components side which is being hurt by lower car production in both the United States and Britain.

Michael Clark



BOC fell 17p to 561p. Security Pacific Hoare Govett has reduced its forecast of pre-tax profits for the year to September, 1991 from £410 million to £380 million. It blames currency fluctuations and a slowdown in growth. BOC's industrial cycle often lags behind others in the sector.

Midland & Scottish, an oil producer quoted on the USM, rose 18p to 158p after a bullish review from BZW. Production from the Emerald Field will start next year and the group has raised enough money for a second rig, which will come on stream in 1993 and should double earnings.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	651.2	-2.2	-22.8	-1.5	-12.1	-1.5	-11.3
(free)	124.2	-2.2	-23.0	-1.6	-12.4	-1.6	-11.5
EAFE	1143.1	-2.1	-26.6	-1.8	-17.2	-1.5	-15.7
(free)	117.0	-2.1	-27.0	-2.0	-17.7	-1.5	-16.2
Europe	708.5	-1.4	-6.9	-1.4	-3.1	-0.7	7.0
(free)	152.1	-1.4	-7.0	-1.7	-3.5	-0.8	6.9
Nth America	456.7	-2.3	-15.1	-1.6	-2.5	-1.7	-2.5
Nordic	1538.9	-0.6	-1.1	-0.7	6.3	0.0	13.6
(free)	246.3	-0.8	4.7	-0.8	12.3	-0.1	20.3
Pacific	2470.4	-2.7	-37.7	-2.1	-25.7	-2.1	-28.4
Far East	3555.2	-2.7	-38.6	-2.1	-26.6	-2.1	-29.4
Australia	296.8	-2.9	-14.5	-2.1	-1.2	-2.3	-1.8
Austria	1867.1	-1.0	25.6	-1.4	35.7	-0.4	44.4
Belgium	839.7	-2.1	-14.7	-2.4	-10.0	-1.4	-2.0
Canada	474.3	-0.9	-21.0	-0.2	-9.6	-0.3	-9.2
Denmark	1316.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.7	14.9
Finland	90.0	0.4	-21.9	0.2	-18.8	1.0	-10.3
(free)	131.5	0.6	-11.8	0.4	-5.9	1.2	1.4
France	708.5	-1.9	-12.4	-1.8	-6.9	-1.3	0.7
Germany	881.7	-1.7	-3.9	-1.7	4.1	-1.0	10.4
Hong Kong	2298.8	-2.5	3.8	-1.9	18.5	-1.9	19.1
Italy	348.5	-0.6	-9.6	-0.6	-4.3	0.0	3.9
Japan	3713.2	-2.7	-39.8	-2.2	-27.9	-2.1	-30.8
Netherlands	825.3	-3.1	-12.8	-3.1	-5.4	-2.5	-0.4
New Zealand	82.6	-0.8	-19.9	-0.8	-7.8	-0.2	-7.9
Norway	1545.7	-2.4	15.2	-2.4	23.7	-1.8	32.3
(free)	271.6	-2.4	16.3	-2.4	24.9	-1.8	33.6
Sing/Malay	1875.2	-1.7	-6.0	-1.2	2.8	-1.1	8.0
Spain	219.9	0.3	-7.1	0.0	-4.6	0.9	6.8
Sweden	1729.6	-0.8	-1.4	-0.6	5.7	0.1	13.3
(free)	255.0	-0.8	5.3	-0.8	14.0	-0.1	21.0
Switzerland	872.5	-1.2	-4.6	-1.7	-3.8	-0.5	9.6
(free)	131.0	-1.3	-6.1	-1.8	-5.3	-0.6	7.9
UK	675.0	-1.3	-6.4	-1.3	-6.4	-0.6	7.6
USA	412.7	-2.4	-14.6	-1.8	-1.9	-1.8	-1.9

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,521	CU	598	Lonrho	2,423	Shell	14,056
Abbey Nat	2,598	Cookson	1,143	Lucas	3,099	Siebe	131
Alld-Lyons	1,524	Courtaulds	3,254	Manpower	1,740	Slough	56
Amstrad	1,049	Dalgety	225	M&S	2,806	Smith & N	2,327
Anglian	301	Dixons	953	Maxwell Cm	2,171	SK Beech	3,705
Argos	1,178	ECC	521	MB Group	803	Do Uts	1
ASDA	3,829	Enterprise	806	Mecca	437	Smith WH	289
AB Foods	24	Ferranti	374	MEPC	233	Smiths Ind	1,815
Argyll	699	Fisons	4,256	Midland	1,994	STC	4,208
BAA	1,151	FKI	708	Nat West	2,176	Stan Chart	189
BET	2,859	Gen Acc	898	Next	781	Storehse	1,155
BTR	1,299	GEC	5,624	Nth Food	278	Sun Allnce	1,827
BAT	2,089	Glaxo	2,873	P&O	1,228	Sun Life	20
Barclays	5,153	Globe Inv	35	Pearson	505	T & N	770
Bass	784	Glynwed	145	Pilkington	2,428	TI Group	428
Beazer	894	Granada	1,276	Polly Peck	5,544	Tarmac	2,305
Berisfd Intl	3,956	Grand Met	1,483	Prudential	3,187	Tate & Lyle	1,989
BICC	561	GUS 'A'	163	Racal	4,722	Taylor Wood	103
Blue Circle	811	GRE	982	Racal Tele	319	TSB	2,134
BOC	2,493	GKN	989	Rk Hovis	485	Tesco	4,332
Boots	1,308	Guinness	1,834	Rank	521	Thames Wtr	919
BPB	265	Hamm 'A'	160	R&C	207	Thorn EMI	939
Br Aero	4,412	Hanson	7,384	Redland	991	Trafalgar	2,139
Br Airways	3,924	Do Wts	673	Reed	795	THF	1,585
Br Comm	n/a	H & C	191	Reuters	1,995	Ultramar	7,936
Br Gas	21,475	Hawker	139	RMC Gp	700	Unigate	915
Br Land	229	Hillsdown	3,344	RTZ	1,168	Unilever	963
Br Petrol	24,052	IMI	231	R-Royce	8,978	United Bis	1,432
Br Steel	10,450	ICI	1,402	Rothmn 'B'	226	United News	428
Br Telecm	6,696	Inchcape	434	Royal Bank	2,940	Wellcome	1,415
Bunzl	39	Kingfisher	2,316	Royal Ins	1,382	Welsh	576
Burmah	449	Lasmo	3,217	Saatchi	29	Wessex	567
Burton	5,167	Ladbroke	2,217	Sainsbury	2,302	Whitbrd	1,040
C&W	3,480	Land Sec	830	Scot & N	14,611	Wig Teape	724
Cadbury	1,433	Laporte	493	Sears	2,807	Williams	253
Calor	135	L&G	870	Sedgwick	316	Wills Fab	571
Carlton	1,276	Lloyds	1,951	Severn Trnt	259	Wimpey G	578
Coats	628	Lloyds Abb	511				

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2770.30 (-94.30)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 29515.76 (-729.42)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3356.95 (-41.62)
Sydney: AO .... 1589.7 (-27.1)
Frankfurt: DAX ...... 1840.94 (-28.44)
London:
FT —A All-Share .... 1125.08 (-9.83)
FT— "500" .... 1237.64 (-11.22)
FT Gold Mines .... 198.9 (-1.4)
FT. Fixed interest .... 88.52 (+0.58)
FT Govt Secs .... 79.18 (-0.36)
Bargains 27306
SEAQ Volume 523.4m
USM (Datastream) .. 136.24 (-0.14)
*Denotes latest trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
British Aerospace ...... 578½p (+15p)
British Borneo .... 755p (+15p)
Hardy Oil & Gas .... 215p (+16p)
LASMO .... 472½p (+12p)
Triton Europe .... 181½p (+16p)
FALLS:
Lloyds Abbey .... 332p (-12p)
Grand Met .... 629½p (-20½p)
Guinness .... 775½p (-20p)
Whitbread 'A' .... 445p (-15p)
Sotheby's .... 775p (-75p)
Priest Marians .... 195p (-38p)
Utd Newspapers .... 334½p (-14p)
WPP .... 597½p (-18p)
Beazer .... 152p (-10p)
RMC Group .... 657½p (-11p)
Closing prices

WALL STREET

	Aug 3 midday	Aug 2 close		Aug 3 midday	Aug 2 close		Aug 3 midday	Aug 2 close
Abbott Lab	40⅝	41½	Enron	56½	56¾	Oryx Enrgy	52½	52½
Aetna Life	48⅜	49⅝	Entergy	18⅞	19⅜	Pac Ent	38¼	38½
Ahmanson	17⅝	18¼	Ethyl	29⅞	30¼	Pac Gas Elec	22½	22½
Air Prods	52½	53⅜	Exxon	54½	53⅝	Pac Telesis	41¼	42½
Albertsons	31½	32⅝	Fed NMA	34	36⅜	Paccar	37⅝	39⅜
Alcan Al	23½	23⅛	Fedrl Exprs	39	39½	Pacificorp	20½	20½
Alco Stand	34	34¼	Flt Norstar	16⅜	16⅜	Pall	30¾	31⅛
Allied Signal	32⅝	33	Fluor	43	44⅜	Paramount	37½	38½
Alumin CA	65	67⅜	Ford Motor	38⅝	39⅜	Parker-Hanfn	25⅝	26⅜
Am Brands	66⅝	68	FPL	30⅜	30½	Penney	54⅜	55⅜
Am Cyanmd	53½	55⅜	Fst Chicago	24⅜	24½	Pennzoil	84½	84⅜
Am EPC	29½	29⅜	Fst Intrsta	31⅜	32	Pepsico	73⅜	75½
Am General	44½	45	Fst Union	16½	17⅜	Pfizer	70½	74
Am Home	47½	48½	Gannett	34½	35	Phlps Pet	30½	29⅜
Am Ind	71	71	Gen Cinema	19½	20	[illegible]	15½	16½
Am Medical	n/a	n/a	Gen Elec	67½	70¼	Philip Morris	44½	46⅛
Am Stores	63	65	Gen Mills	87	91½	Phelps Dodge	66½	70
Amax	25⅝	26½	Gen Motors	42	43½	Pitney Bow	42½	42½
Amer Hess	52⅝	52	Gen RE	81¾	82½	[illegible]	17¼	17½
Ameritech	60½	61⅝	Gen Signal	53½	54⅜	PNC Fncl	25¾	25½
Amex	26⅜	28	Genentech	25½	27½	[illegible]	18	19½
Amoco	56⅝	56⅞	Genuine Pts	35⅜	36½	Polaroid	35½	36¾
AMP	42½	44⅛	Georgia-Pac	44¼	46½	PPG Inds	51½	52½
AMR	53⅝	55⅝	Gillette	59	61½	Proctr Gmble	78½	80½
Anheuser-B	39⅝	40	Goodrich	41½	42½	[illegible]	36½	38
Apple Comp	41	43½	Goodyear	25⅜	26½	Primerica	31½	31⅜
Archer-Dan	24⅝	25	Grace	27	28½	Pub Service	25½	25½
Arkla	22½	22⅝	Greyhound	28½	28½	Quaker Oats	45½	46½
Armstrong	32½	33½	Gt Atlantic	56	56	Ralston Pur	84½	[illegible]
Asarco	28½	29½	Gt Nor Nek	n/a	n/a	Raychem	24½	25½
Ashland Oil	30⅜	32½	Gt Western	14½	15½	Raytheon	63½	60½
AT&T	36	37	GTE	n/a	n/a	Reebok	14½	15
Atlan Richfld	136½	136⅝	Halliburtn	56	57⅜	Roadway	34½	35½
Auto DP	51⅜	52½	Heinz	33½	34⅝	Rockwell	27	27
Avery Intl	22	22½	Hercules	32½	33½	Rohm Haas	32	33½
Avon Prod	34½	35½	Hershey Fd	35½	36½	Royal Dutch	84½	85½
Baltimore	26	26	Hewlett Pkd	40½	42½	Rubbermaid	38½	40½
Banc One	26	26½	Hilton Htl	43½	45½	Rynlds Mtl	61½	65
Bankamerica	22½	23½	Home Depot	34½	35½	Safeco	32½	33½
Bard	13½	14	Homestake	20	20½	Salomon	23½	23½
Barnett Bk	27½	28	Honeywell	97½	100	Sant Fe Pac	19	19½
Bausch Lmb	65	67½	Houston Ind	33	33½	Sara Lee	26½	27½
Baxter Intl	24½	25½	Hsehld Intl	33½	42½	Scecorp	39½	38½
Bec Dickin	68½	70	Humana	45½	46½	Schlmbrgr	69½	68½
Bell Atlan	48	49	IBM	106½	109½	Schrng-Plgh	46½	49
Bellsouth	54½	54½	IF&F	63½	71½	Scott Paper	46½	49
Bkr Hughes	34½	33½	Illinois TW	50½	52½	Seagram	83½	84½
Black Decker	14½	15	Inco	30½	31½	Sears Rbck	33	32½
Block	39½	41½	Ingsol-Rand	48	51½	Secrty Pac	29½	30½
Bnkrs Tst NY	35½	36½	Inland Steel	32	32½	Shwn Wlms	37½	[illegible]
Boeing	52½	53½	Intel	37½	40½	Snap-on Tls	34	34½
Boise Casc	35½	37½	Intl Paper	56½	56½	Southern	24½	25½
Borden	34	34½	ITT	55½	56½	Sovran	26½	27½
Brist-Myer	60	62½	James River	23½	23½	St Paul	59½	60½
Browng-Fer	38½	40	Johnsn Jhsn	66½	68½	Stanley Wk	35½	36½
Burl Nth	33	34½	K Mart	32	33½	Stone Cntr	14½	14½
CAI	7½	8½	Kellogg	66½	67½	Sun Co	35½	35½
Campbell So	50½	51½	Kerr-McGee	52½	51½	Suntst Bk	20	20½
Cap Cities	523	529	Kimbly-Clrk	75½	77	Super Valu	27½	27½
Capital HC	44½	46½	Knight-Rdr	47½	48½	SW Bell	52½	54
Carolina	43½	44	Lilly	78½	82½	Syntex	56½	56½
Caterpillar	46½	47½	Limited	18½	18½	Sysco	33½	34½
CBS	176½	177½	Lin Brdcstg	62½	62	Tandem	17½	18½
Central SW	29½	29½	Lincoln Nat	41	51½	Tandy	35½	36½
Champion	27½	27½	Litton Ind	75½	75	Tele-comm	13½	13½
Chase Man	16½	18½	Lockheed	28½	29	Teledyne	21	21½
Chem Bnkg	21	21½	Louis-Pac	34½	35	Temple-In	33½	34½
Chevron	81½	80½	Manu Hano	27½	28½	Tenneco	64	65½
Chrysler	13½	14½	Marriott	19½	20½	Texaco	65½	66½
Chubb	43½	44½	Marsh Mclen	71½	73	Texas Inst	29½	30½
Cigna	46½	47½	Martin Mar	38½	38½	Texas Util	37	37½
Citicorp	18½	19½	Masco	22½	23	Textron	22½	23
Clrbne Liz	26½	29½	May Dept	45½	48½	Time Wrnr	89	90½
Clorox	41½	43	Maytag	15½	16½	Times Mir	28½	28½
Cmwlth Eds	30½	31	MCA	48	49½	Timken	21½	31
CNA Fincl	74½	76	McDnl Doug	44½	44	Torchmark	49½	50½
Coastal	35½	35½	McDonalds	30	30½	Toys R Us	27½	26½
Coca-Cola	43½	44½	McGraw-Hill	54½	55	Transam	35½	36½
Colgate-Pal	66½	68½	MCI Com	34½	35½	Travelers	25½	27½
Columb Gas	48½	48½	Mead	28½	29½	Tribune	40	40½
Compaq	51½	52½	Medtronic	76	79½	TRW	40½	41½
Conagra	33	33½	Melville	50½	51½	Tyco Lab	56	56½
Cons Eds	23½	24½	Merck	83½	87½	UAL	120½	130
Cons NG	47½	47½	Merrl Lynch	22½	23½	Un Camp	37½	38½
Cons Rail	46½	48½	MMM	85½	89	Un Carbide	18½	18½
Cooper Ind	41	42	Mobil	68½	67½	Un Pacific	77½	77½
Corning	40½	42	Monsanto	48½	49½	Unilever	85½	87½
CPC Intl	77½	79½	Moore	26	26½	Unisys	10	10½
Crown Cork	56½	58	Morgan	33½	35½	Unocal	33½	33½
CSX	32½	34½	Motorola	73½	76½	Upjohn	39½	41½
Dana	33½	34	Nat Medical	36	36½	US West	35½	37½
Dayton-Hud	65½	67½	Nat Service	25½	25½	Usair Gp	20½	21½
Deere	68½	72½	Navistar	3½	3½	USF&G	24½	25½
Delta Air	62½	61½	NCNB	34½	34½	UST	29½	31½
Deluxe	23	34½	NCR	67	68½	USX	35½	34½
Detroit Eds	28½	29½	NBD Bncp	30½	31½	Utd Tech	55½	56½
Digital Eq	71½	73½	Newmnt Min	51½	51½	Utd Telcm	24½	24½
Dillard	81½	84	Niagr Mhwk	14½	14½	VF	23½	24½
Disney	109½	111½	Nike	75½	84½	Wal-Mart	28½	30
Dominion	45½	45½	NL Indstrs	13	13½	Walgreen	47½	49½
Donnelley	43	44½	Nordstrom	29	29½	Waste Mgmt	36½	40½
Dover	35½	35½	Norfolk Sthn	40½	42½	Wells Fargo	60½	63½
Dow Chem	45½	47½	Norton	69½	69½	Westg Elec	32½	32½
Dow Jones	20½	21½	Norwest	18½	19½	Weyerhsr	22½	23½
Dresser Ind	56	55½	Nthn St Pwr	35	35½	Whirlpool	25	25½
Du Pont	40½	41½	Nthn Telcm	26½	26½	Whitman	24½	24½
Duke Pwr	58½	59	NY Times	21	21½	Winn-Dixie	73½	74½
Dun Bradst	43½	44½	Nynex	74½	75½	Woolworth	29	29½
East Kodak	40½	42½	Occid Petl	26	26½	Wrigley	[illegible]	54½
Eaton	57½	53½	Ohio Ed	20	20	Wrner-Lamb	65½	68½
Emerson El	37½	39½	Oracle Sys	15½	16½	Xerox	45½	46½

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abtrust New Euro (100p)	55 -3	Levercrest	112 -2
Atlantis Resources	33	M & W Plc	93
Bioplan Hldgs	24	Malaysia Capital	53
Cahill May (55p)	54	Midland Radio	129 -1
Casket New	17½ +½	Nthn Investors	159
Castle Cairn (50p)	45 +1	Pritenchell	118
Dartmoor Inv Tst (100p)	99	Proteus Intl	115 -5
ECU Tst	47	OS Hldgs (100p)	126
EFM Java Tst	51 -1	Seton Healthcare	156 +1
Fleming Euro IT	94 -2	Siam Select (100p)	102
French Prop Tst	97 -2	Torday & Carlisle (155p)	183 -2
German IT	83 -3	Utd Uniform	120 -1
Golden Vale	55 -1	Ventura Inv Tst	10
Henderson Highland (100p)	99 -	Wig Tpe App	199 -2
Invergordon	146 -2		
Leading Ls New	12 -1		

See main listing for Water shares

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon (*501)	460	95	78	95	5	10	13
	500	33	52	68	16	22	25
	550	10	28	43	47	50	52
ASDA (*122)	100	22	27	-	2½	4½	-
	110	16	21	23	4½	7	9
	120	8	15	18	8	11	14
Bass (*1075)	1050	72	95	127	18	37	42
	1100	44	67	100	40	60	65
	1150	23	47	75	77	87	90
Boots (*295)	280	29	36	47	5½	10	11
	300	16	24	35	13	17	18
	330	5	12	20	37	38	39
Brit Air (*185)	200	6	11	17	16	18	19
	220	2	6	9	34	34	37
	240	1	3	6	54	54	57
BP (*365)	300	68	75	82	1	3	4
	330	38	51	59	4	8	10
	360	18	30	41	16	18	20
Brit Steel (*135)	130	11	13½	16½	2	4½	5½
	140	6	8	12½	6½	9½	10
	160	1	3	5½	26	26	27
C & W (*478)	500	21	40	55	30	35	38
	550	7	20	38	71	73	75
	600	2½	9	19	121	121	123
Com Union (*477)	460	30	49	58	12	17	21
	500	12	27	34	35	40	44
	550	3	9	16	76	76	80
Courtauld (*353)	337	45	-	-	6	-	-
	360	20	33	46	16	21	32
	390	8	20	30	36	38	40
GKN (*359)	390	10	19	34	45	35	40
	420	3	11	15	68	65	67
	460	½	-	-	108	-	-
Grand Met (*631)	600	65	92	100	12	15	23
	650	33	60	70	32	35	42
	700	12	35	47	65	65	68
ICI (*1012)	1000	47	85	102	36	44	60
	1050	25	60	74	69	75	90
	1100	12	40	54	120	120	127
Kingfisher (*342)	300	58	68	-	4	4	-
	330	32	44	58	7	13	15
	360	13	27	39	25	27	31
Ladbroke (*309)	300	25	36	45	9	15	18
	330	11	20	29	24	29	30
	360	3½	9	17	53	53	52
Land Sec (*511)	460	65	80	-	3	6	-
	500	37	50	65	10	16	20
	550	12	25	40	43	48	48
M & S (*230)	220	23	30	38	4½	7	9
	240	9	17	26	14	16	17
	260	4	9	16	29	31	31
STC (*260)	260	15	30	35	15	17	19
	280	10	21	25	27	28	31
	300	4	13	18	42	44	47
Sainsbury (*284)	280	22	31	41	5	9	10
	300	11	21	29	18	19	20
	330	4	10	17	45	45	47
Shell (*499)	420	82	98	103	2	4	6
	460	45	65	73	7	11	16
	500	19	40	47	23	26	30
Smkl Beech (*523)	500	45	63	80	10	17	20
	550	18	35	49	34	39	40
	600	5	17	28	76	76	76
Storehse (*134)	120	20	26	29	4	6	7
	130	13	18	23	7	10	10
	140	8	12	18	12	13	16
Trafalgar (*280)	280	21	27	33	12	20	22
	300	12	17	25	25	32	33
	330	3	8	-	53	55	-
Ultramar (*358)	300	68	80	88	3	6	8
	330	42	58	68	7	13	18
	360	20	40	48	23	25	28
Unilever (*672)	600	89	108	-	5	9½	-
	650	48½	69½	-	12	19½	-
	700	17½	37	58	35	38½	40
	750	5½	19½	35½	78½	78½	78½
Utd Bisc (*341)	330	25	39	45	8	12	13
	360	11	23	26	24	26	28
	390	4½	12	15	50	48	52
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*441)	420	25	47	60	2½	15	18
	460	3	22	35	25	33	37
	500	1	11	20	65	67	65
BAT Ind (*573)	587	10	-	-	18	-	-
	637	2	12	-	65	70	-
	687	1	5	-	117	117	-
	737	1	2	-	167	167	-
BTR (*387)	360	9	21	37	8	20	24
	420	2	10	22	32	37	43
	460	1	4	11	75	74	78
Brit Aero (*579)	500	80	93	109	1	8	11
	550	35	55	78	7	23	27
	600	6	27	50	27	47	50
Brit Tele (*283)	280	8	21	28	5	8	11½
	300	1	10½	17	18	19	22
	330	½	3½	7½	48	48	50
Cadbury (*336)	300	39	52	65	1	4½	6½
	330	12	31	44	4	13	15
	360	2½	15	38	27	29	31
Guinness (*776)	750	37	68	97	4	23	27
	800	10	40	68	24	42	50
	850	1½	22	45	70	75	78
GEC (*189)	180	11	20	25	2½	4	7
	200	1½	9	13	13	15	16
	220	½	3½	7	30	32	33
Hanson (*217)	220	3½	14½	18½	5½	9	13
	240	1	6	9½	22½	22½	26
	260	½	2½	5½	42½	42½	42½
LASMO (*474)	400	75	93	-	1	5	-
	433	47	60	-	4	13	-
	460	23	47	65	12	23	28
P & O (*624)	600	32	49½	72	5	15½	20½
	650	3½	21½	42½	25½	41½	45½
	700	1½	7½	23½	75½	82	84½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Pilkington (*187)	180	12	30	28	2	7	10
	200	2	11	16	13	18	21
	220	1	5	10	33	33	34
Polly Peck (*411)	382	30	49	-	2	12	-
	418	5	27½	-	15½	27½	-
	460	1½	13½	28	56½	58½	60½
Prudential (*228)	200	27	31	41	1	4	4
	220	12	18	28	3	9	10
	240	3	10	19	13	19	20
Racal (*196)	180	8	19	27	3½	8½	12
	200	1½	10	17	18	18	23
	220	1	4½	10	37	37	38
RTZ (*555)	500	60	73	82	1	5	9
	550	15	37	57	7	18	23
	600	2	15	33	47	48	50
Scot & New (*347)	300	50	62	70	1½	4	8
	330	22	40	49	5	12	16
	360	5	22	32	22	28	30
Tesco (*224)	200	25½	30½	37½	1	2½	4½
	220	7	16½	23½	4	8½	10½
	240	1	7	13½	17½	20½	21½
Thames Wtr (*233)	200	36	45	52	1	2	3
	210	26	36	43	1½	3	5½
	230	9	21	29	4	7	12
	250	3	-	-	17	-	-
Wtr Package (*2296)	2250	100	210	280	50	75	110
	2300	70	170	250	75	95	120
	2350	40	120	220	90	120	130
	2400	20	-	-	120	-	-
	Series	Sep	Nov	Jan	Sep	Nov	Jan
Ferranti (*29)	29	1½	2½	4½	4	5	6
	33	½	1½	2½	6	9	10
	38	½	1	-	13	13	-
Lucas (*144)	140	11	13	15	5	8½	12
	160	3	6	8	20	22	24
	180	1	2½	4	40	40	42
	Series	Aug	Oct	Dec	Aug	Oct	Dec
Reuters (*1042)	1000	53½	-	-	6½	-	-
	1050	20½	66½	101	25½	49½	57½
	1100	5½	43½	77½	62½	80	85½
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat (*215)	200	16	24	31	4½	8	11
	220	6	13	19	15	17	18
	240	2	7	11	32	33	34
Amstrad (*62)	60	8	10	13	3	4½	6
	70	2½	5½	8½	8	9	11
	80	1½	3	5½	16	16½	18
Barclays (*376)	357	20	35	-	8	14	-
	393	6	15	-	33	35	-
	429	2	8	-	70	70	-
Blue Circ (*223)	200	30	35	-	2½	4½	-
	220	14	22	30	7	12	15
	240	6	12	20	22	24	25
	260	2	6	13	40	40	42
Brit Gas (*234)	180	57	65	-	1	1	-
	200	37	46	49	1	2½	3
	220	19	29	33	3½	4½	6
	240	5	15	21	10	12½	14½
Dixons (*145)	120	28	35	-	1	2	-
	130	19	27	31	2	4	5½
	140	11	19	24	5	8	10
	160	3	10	14	16	20	21
Glaxo (*788)	700	107	-	-	2	-	-
	750	57	[illegible]	112	10	22	27
	800	30	53	80	26	42	47
	850	14	32	55	62	72	74
Hawker (*544)	500	60	73	90	5	12	14
	550	25	38	60	22	30	35
	600	8	20	35	60	65	67
Hillsdown (*269)	260	18	30	39	5	9	12
	280	9	18	28	14	18	20
	300	3½	11	18	32	32	31
Lonrho (*264)	236	35	44	-	2	3	-
	255	18	31	-	6	7	-
	273	9	20	-	13	16	-
Midland (*276)	280	12	23	30	20	[illegible]	30
	300	5	12	21	40	40	45
	330	2	7	12	70	70	70
R-Royce (*205)	200	12½	20	28	6	8	10½
	220	4	8½	17	18	21	22
	240	1	4½	9½	37	37	37
Sears (*93)	90	7½	10½	14	3½	6	7
	100	2½	5½	9	10	12	13
	110	1	3	5½	19	19	20
THF (*280)	280	14	22	33	12	14	18
	300	5½	15	24	25	26	27
	330	2	6½	13	52	51	52
Thorn EMI (*704)	700	30	63	80	14	22	25
	750	14	35	53	40	46	48
	800	4	18	34	90	90	92
TSB (*137)	130	11	16	18	3	6	7
	140	4	10	12	9	11	12
	160	1	4	6	26	27	27
Vaal Reefs (*$79)	70	12	17	19	4	6	7
	80	6½	12	14	8	11	12
Wellcome (*543)	550	32	52	72	25	35	40
	600	13	32	50	57	62	65
	650	5	15	[illegible]	105	105	105

FT-SE INDEX (*2286)

	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450
Calls						
Aug	98	65	37	19	9	5
Sep	163	97	84	45	29	17
Oct	182	145	100	85	63	44
Nov	205	170	140	111	80	92
Dec	195	-	143	-	102	-
Puts						
Aug	23	37	63	95	129	155
Sep	37	55	77	103	135	175
Oct	40	58	82	99	120	156
Nov	50	67	82	94	125	155
Dec	53	-	93	-	150	-

August 3, 1990 Total: 38094 Calls 18621 Puts 20473 FT-SE: Calls 2800 Puts 6336
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 30	August 10	November 1	November 12

Call options were taken out on: 3/8/90 Amstrad, Bensford Intl, BP, Butte Mining, *London & Metropolitan, Monument Oil & Gas, Saltonstan, Westland Wts, Whitegate Leisure*
Puts & Calls: Bensford Intl, Monument Oil & Gas, Richmond Oil & Gas, Westland Wts.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	5.00	5.10	4.08	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	10.81	10.81	8.65	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	11.38	11.38	9.10	25,000-50,000	6 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	10.43	10.43	8.34	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	10.92	10.92	8.74	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	10.48	10.48	8.38	10,000-no max	1 mth	071-250 2955
" " "	10.38	10.38	8.30	10,000-no max	6 mth	071-250 2955
NatWest	10.63	10.63	8.50	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	10.50	10.50	8.40	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	10.45	10.97	8.78	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	9.50	9.84	7.87	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	6.00	6.20	4.96	No min‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	9.25	9.25	7.40	1,000‡	none	051 966 2078
Lloyds HICA	7.00	7.20	5.76	500‡	none	071-325 3336
Midland HICA	9.50	9.84	7.87	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	9.00	9.31	7.45	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	9.75	10.11	8.09	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB (England & Wales)	9.00	9.00	7.20	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	7.25	7.25	5.80	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	9.90	9.90	7.92	250 min	none	—
National & Prov	10.50	10.50	8.40	500 min	none	—
Britannia	11.30	11.30	9.03	5,000 min	60 day	—
Alliance & Leic	11.75	11.75	9.40	10,000 min	90 day	—
Birmingham Mid	12.25	12.25	9.80	10,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	12.25	12.25	9.80	2,500 min	none	—
C&G Guardian	11.78	12.26	9.80	3,000 min	30 day	—
St Pancras	12.25	12.25	9.79	3,000 min	60 day	—
Walthamstow	12.10	12.10	9.70	10,000 min	90 day	—
Manchester	12.60	12.60	10.08	2,000 min	6 mths	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	3.75	3.75	3.00	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	6.90	6.90	5.52	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	6.00	6.00	4.80	500 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	12.75	9.56	7.65	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	13.50	10.13	8.10	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	13.50	10.13	8.10		3 mth	041-649-4555
35th Issue Cert²†	9.50	9.50	9.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	9.50	9.50	9.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	13.00	9.75	7.80	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Acuma	12.03	12.03	10.23	20,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Regency Life	11.10	11.10	9.45	10,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Regency Life	10.80	10.80	9.18	10,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
Liberty Life	10.60	10.60	9.01	25,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Hill Samuel	10.50	10.50	8.92	1,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (June 89-90)	+9.8%	Spanish Pesetas:	177.75
Bank Base Rate	15.0%	French Francs:	9.75
Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachma:	282.25
Credit Card	19.5-31%	Italian Lire:	2131.00

¹2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ² Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums □ No longer on sale

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FIRST TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Bedford Crown 0234 56112	14.40	to £100K	95	After 1% cut for 1st year
National & Provinc. 0274 733444	14.40	negotiable	95	After 1% cut for 1st year
Woolwich 081 298 5000	14.25	negotiable	95	After 1% cut for 1st year
BANKS				
TSB 071 600 6000	12.90	£20K+	95	Rate fixed to 31.7.95
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Framework 0727 48181	14.45	£15,500-250K	95	After 1% cut for 1st 6 months

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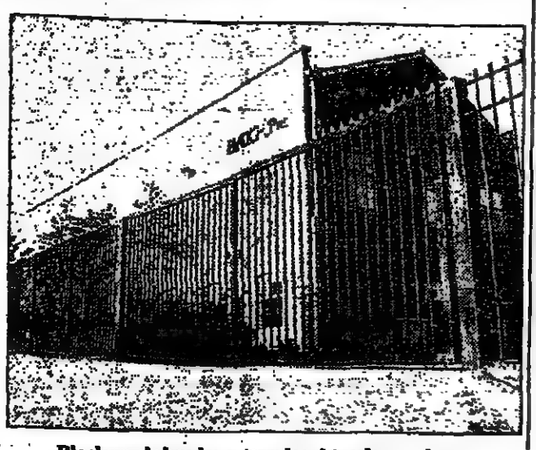
Blackspur receiver faces tangled web of leases and deals

By a Correspondent

CONFUSION and frustration surround the demise of the Blackspur group, the printing equipment supplier that specialised in flexible leasing contracts, which were favoured by Atlantic Computers, the British & Commonwealth subsidiary now in administrative receivership. Relations between Blackspur's receiver, Arthur Andersen, and the directors of the company are reported to be cool.

"It is a massive exercise to find out who has got what equipment," says Tony Brierley, the administrator. "We are still pulling together information," he adds.



Blackspur's headquarters: legal tussle over lease

Mr Brierley is involved in a legal wrangle over the validity of Blackspur's lease on its Albert Road headquarters in Manchester.

It appears that Blackspur's pension fund bought the Manchester premises around the time Blackspur was reorganised in late-1988. The lease agreement, however, is said to date from this year.

The receivers were hoping to realise some value for the lease. But if it proves to be invalid, Blackspur will be forced by its own pension fund to move out of its offices.

Until a few years ago Blackspur was simply a better-than-average second-hand printing machinery dealer. It was restructured to form Blackspur Group plc. The aim was to pave the way for an eventual flotation in a bid to mirror Atlantic's spectacular progress ten years previously.

In late-1987 the two founders, Steve Kellar and John Glancy, were approached by Vernon Davies, co-founder of Atlantic Computers, and Nick Thomas, previously Atlantic's UK sales director. This was shortly before B & C's takeover of Atlantic.

Mr Davies and Mr Thomas took a 50 per cent stake in Blackspur plc and Blackspur Graphics for £2.7 million. They also acquired Blackspur Leasing for £1. By this time, Mr Davies had resigned from the Atlantic board. He later became chairman of Blackspur.

At Atlantic, Mr Davies and his co-founder, John Foulston, had invented the flexlease, a lease that was in effect two contracts. The first consisted of a binding high-interest finance contract between the customer and the bank, with Atlantic reserving the right to buy back the equipment at a nominal value. This provided Atlantic with cash up-front.

The second was a management contract, which allowed the customer to swap, upgrade or walk away from the lease at pre-set dates. Should the customer want to walk away from the lease, Atlantic undertook to pay the last year's instalments to the bank.

The flaw in the whole scheme was that more and more flexleases had to be written so that the extra front-end cash generated could be used to cover the back-end debts of earlier deals.

Blackspur's leases were modelled on the same principles. However, many of its customers, small commercial printers, were badly hit by the downturn in the economy earlier this year. This led to high rates of company failure and subsequent defaults on lease payments, forcing Blackspur to step in to honour commitments to the banks funding the deals and finally pushing it into receivership last month.

Merchant banks, which funded many of the leases, are now busy trying to untangle the complex deals. But many printers, discovering that the management contract is now worthless, are refusing to sign lease agreements with the banks. Another area of dispute between the receiver and directors of Blackspur is the question of the value of equipment bought by Rhynie, an offshore company set up by Mr Davies, Blackspur's chairman. Rhynie bought £3 million worth of Blackspur stock some weeks before the receivers were called in.

Mr Kellar, Blackspur's deputy managing director, says that this was done at his behest to provide an urgently needed cash injection. However, the receiver is not satisfied that all the transactions were at the right price.

Some of the equipment bought by Rhynie is now being sold by Kellar plc, which was set up by Mr Kellar as a holding company last autumn.

Another problem for the receivers is that like Atlantic, before its takeover by B & C, a large part of Blackspur's equity is held offshore. Chrysalis Trust holds shares on behalf of Mr Davies and Mr Thomas. This trust was set up by Moores Rowland, the London accountancy firm for which Nigel Eastaway, Blackspur's finance director, works as a tax consultant.

According to the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Mr Eastaway is a partner in Moores Rowland's St Helier practice in Jersey, where the Chrysalis Trust has its registered office.

The second offshore company holding shares, Panamanian-based Maplewood Financial Corporation, also has a Jersey office, shared with Chrysalis.

National Grid terms worry bankers

By Jonathan Prynn

BRITISH clearing banks are baulking at the terms being demanded by National Grid for the credit facility it must put in place before the electricity privatisation in December.

The mandate to arrange the facility, which is expected to be for about £750 million, has not yet been awarded. Five banks, including three clearers, Barclays, National Westminster and TSB, are in the running. National Grid is arguing that its status as a monopoly buyer of electrical power from the generating companies makes it a better credit risk than the 12 regional distribution companies.

The distributors are expected to announce margins on their facilities of about 17 to 20 basis points over London inter-bank offered rate (Libor), and fees of about 7.5 to 8 basis points. National Grid is pushing for even finer terms.

The aggressive 15 basis point margin and 7 basis point fee structure that National Grid is looking for would be a bitter pill for the clearers to swallow. One described such a price structure as "cloud cuckoo land".

As well as cutting profit margins, the clearers say that the deal would carry little of the high-margin follow-up business that banks rely on when they participate in a large, finely priced corporate loan facility.

This is in contrast to the distributors, a number of which will be looking for lucrative project financing packages to fund constructions of their own power generators, after privatisation. Because of this, the clearing banks are claiming that a deal priced as finely as National Grid is demanding would present problems at the syndication stage.

Another clearing bank said that syndication at the prices being talked about would be "pretty dicey".

However, Manufacturers Hanover and Credit Suisse First Boston, the other two banks involved, are taking a more sanguine view. A banker at Manufacturers predicted that there would be follow-up business in the form of capital markets refinancings as well as some project finance business, such as off-balance-sheet financing for new transmission plants.

Private client broking must brush up its act to survive

Traditional private client stockbroking is dying. Before the stock exchange was reformed, in 1986, private client brokers lived well because they were accessible to their clients, helped them to choose shares to buy and sell, and transacted the business for commissions that though cartelised were not felt to be excessive. Clients expected and were given a personal service that may not have been sophisticated but it satisfied their needs and their notions of value for money.

No longer is that the case, though arguably personal service is the only way for private client broking to survive. Brokers say they cannot afford it out of commissions. Before Big Bang, they claim, private clients were subsidised out of commission income from institutional investors. They no longer have time to talk with clients on the telephone, let alone face to face in the office or over lunch. Discretionary management of clients' funds, for which fees may be charged, is the only feasible alternative to individual advice.

With financial planning now at least as important as family planning, clients may expect too much. They look for guidance on taxation, insurance and pensions as well as shares to buy. Such "extras" may be fee-earning for the broker but they need to be of professional quality to be worth the money. At the other end of the spectrum clients may want no more than an economical "execution only" service that competing banks and specialist firms like Sharelink and Fidelity are better equipped to offer. Not surprisingly several private client brokers are in difficulties of one kind or other.

The latest news from the front is psychologically even more disturbing. National Investment Holdings, the parent company of the NI Group of brokers, is up for sale. NI Group brought together seven provincial broking firms in the belief that size, clout and modern centralised services would enable them to compete more effectively on their own ground. It has not yet worked. The NI Group organisation, systems and links, designed by Robin Woodhead, the chief executive, are admirable of their kind; only the necessary volume of business is lacking to sustain the cost and provide National Investment Holdings' institutional shareholders with the prospect of a decent return.

However discouraging this twist in NI Group's fortunes may be, it is too early to write off the concept of a brokers' collective to preserve and develop private client business. The other similar group, Allied Provincial Services, does not have the sophisticated systems of NI Group but it has been more successful in cultivating business. There is an obvious difference in approach and emphasis between them. It might make sense to put NI Group and Allied Provincial Services together, but Mr Woodhead and Bernard Solomon of Allied Provincial Services are unlikely to see eye to eye. Two banks, Royal Bank of Scotland and the TSB, have looked at National Investment Holdings but the buyer is expected to be CCM (Capel-Cure Myers asset management group).

I cannot see private client broking going back to a cottage industry made up of up small partnerships. But if it is survive the competition, especially of the banks, it has to decide what services it wishes to offer, structure commissions and fees properly and do some effective marketing.

Private clients were badly burnt in the 1987 crash and they do not return quickly to the scene of the fire. They have been given a raw deal since Big Bang in 1986. Major broking firms have shown virtually no interest in them; they have been passed from firm to firm; the International Stock Exchange, as an institution, seems not to care; and costs of dealing have been stacked up against them.

And is it not ironic that despite the Financial Services Act, the Securities and Investments Board, the statutory regulatory organisations and a mountain of rule books, it has taken the collapse of British & Commonwealth to draw attention to the risks to private clients of a broking firm (in this case Stock Beech) controlled by a financial services group that also has an in-house bank?

Panic out of order

Although investors and dealers have been in a slightly more cautious mood of late, any inclination to sell equities has been restrained by the market's relatively inexpensive rating and fund managers' fears of getting their timing wrong for the second time this year. It was as if selling shares had gone out of fashion. But it can come back, and did on Thursday in response to Iraq's annexing of Kuwait.

No one should underestimate the chances of Iraq's embarking on further military adventures or sparking off a major conflagration. What is fact as distinct from speculation is a rise in the oil price to $23 which will be sustained. The balance of power within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has swung toward the hawks with a vengeance. We may be looking at $25 a barrel, which would be a third higher than the 1989 average. For comfort we could compare this with a quadrupling of the price in 1973-74 and a doubling in 1979-80.

Looking at the oil price parochially, the early and visible impact is on the price of petrol and the retail price index. Double-digit inflation is not what John Major needs. It will delay the first fall in interest rates and may put back the date pencilled in for joining the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System – two important factors in the City's political and market calculations.

There is also a possibility that higher oil prices will push the economy into recession. The latest Confederation of British Industry survey of industrial trends and figures for retail sales, housing starts, car sales and unemployment suggest that high interest rates are having their (delayed) effect in slowing the economy down. Oil at $25 a barrel could accelerate this process but that would not be the end of the world.

In sum, though the bias of the equity market is probably still slightly downward, it will keep its nerve and not panic unless Iraq strikes again.

Friendly Farley

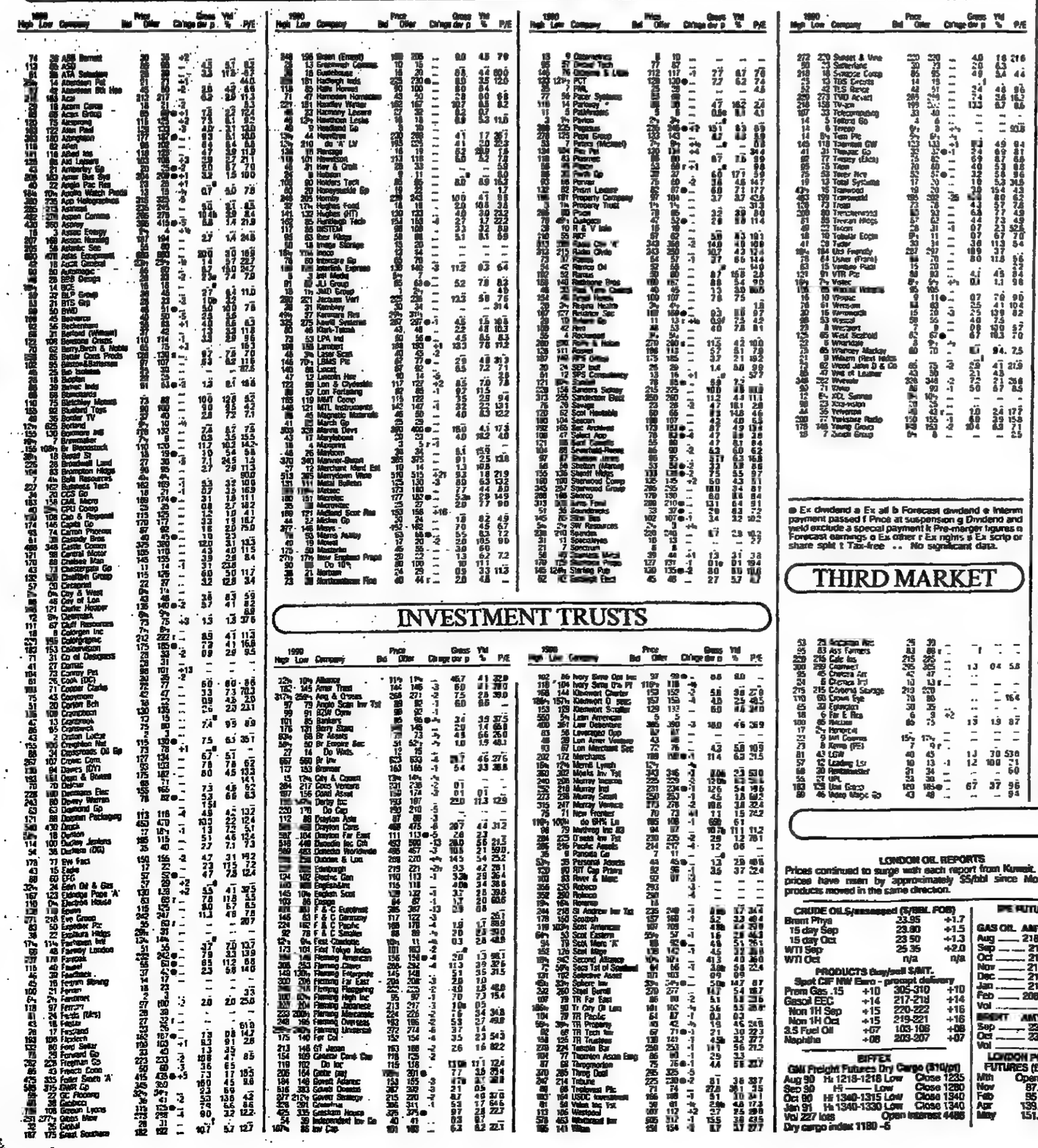
As Sir Kit McMahon is discovering at the Midland it is not easy to run a clearing bank and always remain popular with staff, customers and shareholders. But there are exceptions. "Rob" Farley for one, who retires at the end of next month as deputy chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group.

Rob (Henry Edward) must be one of the few remaining active links with the National Bank that he joined in 1947 and became, in time, manager of the main City office. His first merger was in the formation of Williams & Glyn's where he was responsible for the northern region. His connections with Manchester remain strong. Next to Scotland – Edinburgh – where he was managing director of the Royal Bank prior to the merger with Williams & Glyn's. He did much to smooth the way to that particular marriage. In the new bank he was a director and chief general manager before reaching his present position in October 1986.

He is the sort of banker most of us recognise and approve of: helpful, human, humorous with a thorough understanding of the banking concerns of real people. He played a formative and formidable part in taking the bank into home loans in competition with building societies.

Usefully for a banker. Rob is interested in all forms of rough sport. He will be missed in Lombard Street but seen more often, I suspect, on the golf course.

UNLISTED SECURITIES



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THIRD MARKET

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 94.2 (day's range 94.1-94.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for August 3

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8495-1.8620	1.8550-1.8570	1.07-1.05pr	3.12-3.09pr
Montrl	2.1290-2.1452	2.1388-2.1424	0.24-0.18pr	0.58-0.48pr
Amstrdm	3.3226-3.3351	3.3279-3.3342	1⅛-1⅛pr	5⅛-5⅛pr
Brussels	60.61-60.98	60.68-60.98	30-26pr	88-84pr
Copnhgn	11.2955-11.3201	11.2891-11.3059	4¾-4⅞pr	13⅞-12½pr
Dublin	1.1025-1.1049	1.1031-1.1041	46-41pr	119-110pr
Frankft	2.9481-2.9615	2.9532-2.9582	1⅜-1⅜pr	4⅛-4⅛pr
Lisbon	259.39-261.39	259.93-261.14	49-19pr	74-3pr
Madrid	180.79-182.23	181.33-182.08	7pr-par	18-7pr
Milan	2159.68-2166.85	2159.58-2165.73	7-6pr	20-18pr
Oslo	11.2746-11.4839	11.4341-11.4650	3¾-3⅝pr	10⅞-10pr
Paris	9.8708-9.9132	9.8816-9.9108	4⅞-4pr	11⅞-11½pr
Stckhlm	10.7954-10.8648	10.8128-10.8430	2⅝-2⅛pr	6-5½pr
Tokyo	276.22-278.36	277.78-278.36	1⅞-1⅝pr	4⅞-4⅝pr
Vienna	20.73-20.95	20.79-20.83	11⅞-10⅞pr	32⅞-30⅞pr
Zurch	2.5012-2.5183	2.5024-2.5088	1⅜-1⅜pr	3⅝-3½pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	10061.3-10140.8
Australia dollar	2.3623-2.3668
Bahrain dinar	n/a
Brazil cruzado*	127.060-128.036
Cyprus pound	0.625-0.635
Finland markka	6.925-6.985
Greece drachma	289.15-292.35
Hong Kong dollar	14.4118-14.4215
India rupee	32.05-32.45
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	6.0089-6.0136
Mexico peso	5300-5400
New Zealand dollar	3.1140-3.1211
Saudi Arabia riyal	n/a
Singapore dollar	3.3557-3.3575
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0839-7.2257
S Africa rand (com)	4.8181-4.8264
U A E dirham	n/a

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.8875-1.8890	Denmark	6.0565-6.0615	Italy	1152.0-1163.0
Singapore	1.8070-1.8080	W Germany	1.5970-1.5980	Belgium (Com)	32.72-32.77
Malaysia	2.6988-2.6998	Switzerland	1.3535-1.3550	Hong Kong	7.7650-7.7660
Australia	1.2730-1.2746	Netherlands	1.7920-1.7930	Portugal	139.90-140.20
Canada	1.1515-1.1520	France	5.3290-5.3340	Spain	97.60-97.90
Sweden	5.8300-5.8350	Japan	149.32-149.42	Austria	11.17-11.19
Norway	6.1600-6.1650				

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MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High. 15 Low 13¾ Week fixed: 14⅝
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 14[illegible] 3 mth — 14[illegible]
Selling: 2 mth — 14½ 3 mth — 14[illegible]
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Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15[illegible] 2 mth: 15[illegible] 3 mth: 15 6 mth 14[illegible]
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15 close 15
1 week: 15-14¾ 1 mth: 15-14[illegible] 3 mth: 15-14[illegible]
6 mth: 14[illegible]-⅞ 9 mth: 14[illegible]-14⅞ 12 mth: 14[illegible]-14½
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 15 7 day: 15 1 mth: 14[illegible]
3 mth: 15 6 mth: 14½ 12 mth. 14½
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 14[illegible] 3 mth. 14[illegible] 6 mth: 14[illegible] 12 mth 14[illegible]
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.95-7.90 3 mth: 7.95-7.90 6 mth: 7.95-7.90 12 mth 7.95-7.90
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15-14[illegible] 2 mth: 15-14[illegible] 3 mth: 15-14[illegible]
6 mth: 14⅝-14[illegible] 9 mth: 14[illegible]-14[illegible] 12 mth: 14[illegible]-⅝

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £1,725m allotted: £500m
Bids: £96.42m received: 4%
Last week. £96.425m received 49%
Avge rate: £14.3411% last wk £14.3317%
Next week: £500m replace £n/a

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 8-7¾	8-7¾	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]
Deutschemark: Call: 8-7	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛
French Franc: Call: 10-9	9⅞-9¾	9⅞-9¾	10-9⅞	10⅛-9⅞
Swiss Franc: Call: 9¼-8¼	9-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞
Yen: Call: 7⅛-6⅞	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]

GOLD

BULLION: Per ounce
Open: $377.75-378.50 Close: $377.75-378.50
High: $381.00-381.75 Low: $371.75-372.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)

Britannia:	$387.00-392.00 (£208.50-211.50)
Krugerrand:	$377.00-380.00 (£203.00-205.00)
Mapleleaf (1/oz):	$387.00-392.00 (£208.50-211.50)
American Eagles:	$387.00-392.00 (£208.50-211.50)
New Sovereigns:	$89.00-91.00 (£48.00-49.50)
Old Sovereigns:	$89.00-91.00 (£48.00-49.50)
Platinum:	$482.50 (£259.40)
Palladium:	$114.00 (£61.30)
Silver:	$4.85-4.87 (£2.615-2.630)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest 25334					
Sep 90	2340.0	2345.0	2290.0	2309.5	7621
Dec 90	2400.0	2400.0	2358.0	2368.5	402
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest 172579					
Sep 90	85.29	85.29	85.24	85.25	10663
Dec 90	86.13	86.13	86.04	86.05	29129
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest 34378					
Sep 90	92.06	92.22	92.05	92.20	2401
Dec 90	92.13	92.34	92.12	92.32	3611
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest 61272					
Sep 90	91.57	91.58	91.50	91.53	5576
Dec 90	91.42	91.45	91.35	91.38	8924
Three month ECU Previous open interest 27[illegible]					
Sep 90	89.64	89.64	89.62	89.64	95
Dec 90	89.73	89.75	89.70	89.71	30
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest 4746					
Sep 90	93-30	94-08	93-20	93-25	5304
Long Gilt Previous open interest 32413					
Sep 90	84-06	84-10	83-04	83-20	34140
Japanese Govt Bond Previous open interest 1073					
Sep 90	92.00	92.07	91.75	91.75	333
German Govt Bond Previous open interest 77534					
Sep 90	83.24	83.24	82.53	82.73	48445
Dec 90	82.90	83.05	82.65	82.71	1390

COMMODITIES

LONDON OIL REPORTS

Prices continued to surge with each report from Kuwait. Crude oil prices have risen by approximately $5/bbl since Monday. All products moved in the same direction.

CRUDE OIL $/barrel (FOB)

Brent Phys	23.95	+1.7
15 day Sep	23.80	+1.5
15 day Oct	23.50	+1.3
WTI Sep	25.35	+2.0
WTI Oct	n/a	n/a

PRODUCTS $/barrel SAIT.

Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+10	305-310	+10
Gasoil EEC	+14	217-219	+14
Non 1H Sep	+15	220-222	+16
Non 1H Oct	+15	219-221	+16
3.5 Fuel Oil	+07	103-106	+08
Naphtha	+08	203-207	+07

BIFFEX

GAI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Aug 90 Hi 1218-1218 Low Close 1235
Sep 90 Hi — Low Close 1280
Oct 90 Hi 1340-1315 Low Close 1340
Jan 91 Hi 1340-1330 Low Close 1340
Vol 227 lots Open interest 4486
Dry cargo index 1180 -5

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures

Aug	218.00-17.60
Sep	216.50 SLR
Oct	216.00 SLR
Nov	215.00 BYR
Dec	214.75 SLR
Jan	212.00 SLR
Feb	208.00-01.00
Vol	14036

BRENT AMT Futures

Sep	23.45-23.55
Oct	23.20-23.30
Vol	n/a

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	87.5	88.5
Feb	95.0	94.0
Apr	139.0	144.4
May	151.5	158.3
		Vol 368

LONDON FOX

COCOA AMT Futures

Sep 698-697	Jul 798-797
Dec 726-725	Sep 816-815
Mar 758-757	Dec 843-840
May 778-777	Vol 7991

COFFEE AMT Futures

Sep 555-555	May 632-628
Nov 577-576	Jul 650-645
Jan 595-596	Sep 674-666
Mar 616-615	Vol 3016

SUGAR C Clearplace

FOB Vol: 3799

Oct 224.6-24.0	May 222.0-21.0
Dec 237.6-20.0	Aug 223.5-22.0
Mar 220.4-20.2	Oct 223.4-20.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 110
Sp 112.55 Nv 116.65 Ja 120.65
Mr 123.90 My 127.10 Jn 128.80

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 527
Sp 111.60 Nv 115.60 Ja 119.00
Mr 121.80 My 123.00

SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Oct 107.5-08.0
Dec 114.5-16.0
Feb unq Vol 0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol
Copper Gde A	1545.0-1546.0	1533.0-1534.5	840050
Lead	462.00-462.50	469.00-470.00	63775
Zinc Spec Hi	1576.0-1577.0	1522.0-1523.0	214900
Tin*	6110-6120	6231-6235	6350
Aluminium Hi	1719.0-1720.0	1748.0-1749.0	619550
Nickel*	10600-10650	10175-10200	18602

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	110.0	110.3
Sep	110.5	110.0
Oct	111.3	111.3
Nov	112.0	110.5

Live Cattle Contract

Aug	unq	unq
Oct	unq	unq
Nov	unq	unq

Vol Pig-26 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on August 3

(£/kg hw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	78.95	132.63	103.06
GB (+/-)	-1.20	-10.82	-4.04
Eng/Wal (*)	+15.9	-23.7	-39.7
Eng/Wal (p)	78.95	132.90	92.55
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.20	-11.64	-5.35
Scotland (*)	n/a	-12.7	-18.5
Scotland (p)	n/a	130.99	110.46
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	-4.71	+1.57

* Estimated dead carcase weight

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST STATISTICS

The four end columns, showing the value of £100 over one month and one year and their subsequent ranking within their sector, are based on offer to bid prices without income re-invested. Unit trusts founded within the last year have dashes in those columns. † denotes PEP marker.

UK GENERAL

Fund	Bid price	Spread	1 month perf	1 month rank	1 year perf	1 year rank
Abbey Dividend A Gth	5.98	50.99	98.9	9	—	—
Abbey General	5.95	168.6	97.9	38	90.4	52
Abbey Income & Gth	6.00	372.0	97.6	42	91.3	27
Abtrust Dunbar Accumulator	6.10	827.2	97.2	53	92.5	34
† Allied Dunbar Asset Value	6.09	464.7	96.7	71	93.0	20
† Allied Dunbar Balanced	6.10	519.9	97.3	50	94.0	22
† Allied Dunbar Gth & Inc	6.09	185.8	97.2	53	92.5	34
Asset Gth	4.84	92.96	98.0	33	81.5	91
† Avon Equity	6.00	90.15	98.5	22	92.4	37
† Barclays Uni 500	6.75	369.4	98.5	22	82.2	90
† Barclays Uni General	6.49	265.4	98.3	25	91.0	49
Barclays Uni Trustee	6.53	153.3	97.8	39	92.5	34
Barclaytrust Inv	4.01	268.0	98.6	18	86.2	69
Benny Portfolio	3.50	95.13	98.8	10	98.2	2
† Bishopsgate PEP Inc	5.25	101.4	98.6	18	—	—
Brown UK & General	5.98	45.13	96.9	65	85.5	83
Brown Shipley UK General	6.10	179.9	97.6	42	84.6	86
Bryncourt Income Gth	3.56	196.5	96.7	71	94.7	15
† Buckmaster General	6.00	307.6	96.3	77	88.2	69
Buckmaster Inv Portfolio	3.37	66.09	97.3	50	90.4	52
Canon Gth	6.50	39.05	96.7	71	86.8	77
CCL UK General	6.00	59.64	97.3	50	90.0	57
Clerical Med General Equity	5.26	61.13	98.6	18	95.7	10
Colonial Mutual Capital	6.51	51.24	95.1	100	88.2	69
† Confederation Gth	6.49	42.06	98.8	10	91.6	45
Consistent Trust	6.05	29.97	96.0	85	85.6	82
Cornhill Uni Equity	6.00	54.40	98.3	25	79.9	93
† Crown Gth	7.01	354.7	96.0	85	90.1	56
CS Portfolio	5.99	73.81	96.0	85	89.9	59
† CU Quilter General	5.96	106.0	97.4	49	93.0	30
† CU UK & General	6.00	66.09	97.1	57	89.7	61
Discretionary	4.99	143.4	101.0	1	76.7	96
† Eagle Star UK Balanced	6.00	100.6	96.9	65	92.0	40
English Trust Gth	5.19	194.38	96.7	71	90.9	49
† Equitable Pelican	5.00	108.08	97.5	46	87.5	72
Equity & Law General	6.01	341.2	96.8	68	95.4	11
† Equity & Law UK Gwth	6.25	190.2	98.2	31	96.4	7
† Fidelity Growth & Inc	6.81	135.9	96.2	79	89.7	61
Fleming Capital Portfolio	2.54	121.5	95.8	92	96.8	7
† Framlington Inc & Gwth	5.97	181.7	95.5	95	88.3	68
Friends Prov Equity	6.00	239.54	97.2	53	94.1	19
GA Gemini	5.65	186.1	97.5	46	97.8	3
GAM UK Spec	6.00	142.84	95.4	98	86.4	79
Gartmore UK Index	4.50	108.96	97.6	43	96.4	9
GRE Guardhill	3.48	378.3	92.6	103	83.5	89
Gaunness Mahon T B Sm Cos	5.72	250.1	98.3	25	77.6	95
Henderson Inc & Assets	6.54	156.63	99.7	3	90.5	51
† Henderson Income & Gth	6.51	213.96	98.3	25	93.6	60
† Hill Samuel British	6.50	77.31	96.7	81	91.3	46
† Hill Samuel Inc & Gth	6.43	122.4	95.4	98	89.3	64
Holborn Equity	6.50	595.99	98.0	33	90.0	57
† KB General	5.99	242.0	97.0	64	92.1	39
† KB PEP Inc	6.00	96.75	95.1	100	91.7	43
† LAS Income & Gth	6.00	61.77	98.1	32	87.2	75
Laurence Keen Income & Gth	6.00	49.32	96.5	78	—	—
Lauriston Undervalued Asset	5.99	60.72	98.7	12	91.2	47
Lazard Uk Income & Gth	2.08	293.9	95.5	95	93.4	26
Lon & Mcr Secnd	6.80	64.16	98.0	33	97.6	5
Lloyds Balanced	5.00	254.5	98.0	33	97.7	4
M&G General	5.44	969.8	97.6	42	93.5	25
† M&G Midland	6.10	1035.9	97.1	57	85.3	84
† M&G Second General	5.44	1022.0	96.5	76	90.3	54
M&G Trustee	5.44	656.1	93.7	12	87.3	74
Manulife Gth	6.02	135.7	96.8	68	92.8	32
Merchant UK Gth	6.50	70.51	95.0	102	94.1	19
Mayflower British Leaders	5.99	237.7	96.0	85	88.9	65
† Mercury British Blue Chip	6.26	61.33	98.7	12	93.5	1
† Mercury General	6.26	396.3	99.8	2	92.0	40
MGM Uk Gth	5.99	330.3	99.3	8	78.7	94
† Midland Inc	6.50	253.1	96.0	85	89.5	66
† MIM Brit Assets & Earnings	5.88	60.37	95.9	90	87.1	76
† MIM Brit Inc & Gth	6.52	29.27	97.5	46	95.4	11
† MIM General	6.01	43.74	97.1	57	84.3	87
† Morgan Gren UK Index Trkg	6.55	119.7	96.3	77	93.1	29
New Court Major UK Cos	7.11	77.69	97.9	29	93.6	24
New Court Smlr UK Co	8.78	218.97	93.5	4	84.8	85
† NM UK Equity	6.25	143.8	97.2	53	89.7	61
Norwich UK Equity	6.00	106.04	98.3	25	91.7	43
NPI UK Acc	6.09	502.1	98.2	29	87.5	72
Pearl Equity	6.46	189.9	96.1	81	89.7	61
† Pearl Uk-International 25	6.00	51.98	98.0	33	—	—
† Prov Mutual Inc & Gth	6.92	100.9	99.5	4	84.5	77
Reliance British Life	5.70	293.9	97.1	57	93.3	27
Royal Life UK Index Tracking	6.15	126.8	98.7	12	94.6	16
Schroder UK Equity	5.95	161.8	96.1	81	93.9	23
Schroder UK Index (first)	5.53	127.0	98.3	25	96.6	8
† Scot Equit UK Blue Chip	6.36	257.0	95.6	94	—	—
Scot Life UK Equity	6.49	275.3	97.1	57	92.4	37
Scot Mut UK Equity	6.00	235.4	97.1	57	88.2	80
Scot Mut UK Gth	6.61	53.59	96.8	68	—	—
Scot Widows Equity	6.23	454.8	98.4	24	92.7	33
Scrimgeour Vickers Mgd Port	2.47	136.6	95.5	95	94.6	16
Standard Life UK Equity Gen	5.88	36.01	98.7	12	97.4	6
Stewart Ivory British	5.48	848.6	99.2	7	80.9	92
† Stewart Ivory PEP	5.54	126.3	99.1	8	—	—
Swiss Life Equity	5.61	581.6	96.6	18	94.9	14
Target Equity	6.74	183.0	95.7	12	83.9	88
† TR General Gth	5.99	79.55	96.9	68	88.6	67
Trades Union	4.96	299.1	97.7	41	94.6	16
† TSB General	6.00	233.69	98.8	82	90.9	49
† TSB Inc	6.00	312.68	97.1	57	90.3	54
United Charities	6.24	200.1	96.1	81	91.8	42
Wrentham Assets Value	6.49	170.92	95.9	90	94.1	19
Sector Average/Totals	5.88	—	97.3	183	90.4	98

UK GROWTH

Fund	Bid price	Spread	1 month perf	1 month rank	1 year perf	1 year rank
Abbey 1992 Enterprise	6.00	66.88	97.9	71	97.7	7
Abbey Assets & Earnings	5.97	189.7	99.2	58	91.6	38
Abbey General	5.98	51.74	99.3	28	89.9	54
Abtrust Small Companies	6.33	53.13	97.4	104	74.7	164
Abtrust Spec Sits	6.32	66.62	96.7	140	79.4	136
Abtrust UK Gth	6.34	34.49	97.0	125	86.9	60
Alpha Recovery	5.58	208.6	94.3	187	—	—
Alpha Smaller Co's Growth Ac	5.56	318.6	95.7	165	99.8	189
Alpha UK Gth	5.60	445.6	97.0	125	86.4	87
Altchorches Army Fund	5.78	66.23	99.4	24	93.3	29
† Allied Dunbar 2nd Small Cos	6.06	151.4	95.8	162	68.1	180
† Allied Dunbar Capital	6.09	305.8	97.2	117	90.5	49
† Allied Dunbar Ocean Earning	6.08	268.6	96.5	146	85.2	79
† Allied Dunbar Recovery	6.08	115.9	97.4	104	87.0	8.
† Allied Dunbar Smaller Cos	6.05	159.6	94.8	180	77.2	151
† Allied Dunbar Uk Spec Sits	6.10	315.6	97.1	122	91.7	37
Ashmight Gth	6.00	95.02	94.1	190	72.8	172
Bank of Ireland Capital Gth	5.50	86.93	94.7	182	86.5	88
Barclays Uni Capital	6.50	93.39	97.5	93	88.0	69
Barclays Uni Growth Fnd	6.49	336.2	96.8	137	90.2	51
Barclays Uni Leisure	6.46	118.4	98.9	36	80.7	125
Barclays Uni Recovery	6.50	317.0	98.2	88	87.0	81
Barclays Uni Smlr Cos	6.76	389.69	97.7	92	73.3	170
Barclays Uni Spec Sits Acc	6.50	181.9	99.0	68	78.9	138
Baring UK Gth	5.75	80.50	94.9	179	78.8	140
Baring UK Smaller Companies	5.75	89.39	96.2	58	78.6	142
BG British Gth	5.99	30.20	97.5	93	75.4	162
† Brown Shipley Recovery	6.10	43.38	93.9	190	53.1	190
† Brown Shipley Smaller Cos	6.13	162.0	100.3	11	62.6	187
† Buckmaster Emerg Gth	5.66	82.62	97.3	108	85.9	91
† Buckmaster Smaller Cos	6.02	110.8	101.0	5	83.0	114
Cambie General	4.78	153.5	95.3	171	92.0	34
Cannon Strategic Opps	6.51	48.64	97.7	82	77.6	147
Capelaby Gth	6.00	239.6	97.0	125	91.0	45
† Capelaby Spec Sits	6.00	63.13	88.8	142	86.6	94
† Capital House Smaller Cos	5.88	27.98	97.9	71	83.5	109
† Capital House UK Gth	6.00	31.61	97.5	93	87.4	78
† CCF Sel UK Small Co	6.01	52.38	101.8	2	—	—
CDL Recovery	6.00	81.82	97.0	125	85.2	112
Chase Mgd S & C Spec Sits	5.51	54.46	101.5	3	74.7	164
† CIBC Gth	5.23	128.8	99.0	34	100.6	3
Cogna UK Gth	6.50	80.96	99.5	21	92.3	32
CGS Enviro	6.00	101.3	100.5	9	—	—
† CIS UK Gth	6.07	111.4	96.9	131	—	—
City Financial Sigment Assets	5.00	81.16	97.7	82	87.2	79
City of London Abtrus Assets	3.35	61.15	94.7	182	88.2	65
Clerical Med Peregrine Gwth	5.99	35.39	99.1	30	97.6	9
Clerical Med Spec Sits	6.99	31.47	96.3	154	66.9	182
† Confederation Smaller Cos	7.21	32.59	100.2	12	79.0	138
† CU Gamma	6.00	35.80	97.9	71	79.3	137
† CU Quilter Spec Sits	6.00	84.09	97.1	122	76.4	157
Dimensional UK Small Cos	6.14	127.7	92.4	53	73.6	160
Drummond Gen Portfolio	7.98	44.00	96.1	157	80.3	131
Dunedin British Gth	6.00	184.6	97.6	90	88.5	64
† Eagle Star Emerging Opp	6.00	97.20	99.5	21	108.0	1
† Eagle Star UK Gth	5.98	149.4	97.7	82	94.0	23
EFM Capital	5.87	124.0	98.4	170	73.0	175
Elcon Trust	6.85	188.3	97.3	108	88.1	68
† Equitable Spec Sits	6.00	110.12	98.0	65	84.2	100
† Equity & Law Brit Excellence	6.00	52.68	96.9	131	93.6	28
Exeter Capital Gth	6.76	60.16	97.2	117	86.6	83
F&C UK Gth	6.50	79.16	97.7	82	85.9	60
† Family Trust	5.99	57.10	102.2	1	—	—
Fidelity Famous Names	6.75	91.63	99.2	58	90.5	49
Fidelity Recovery	6.77	28.95	97.2	181	72.8	172
† Fidelity Spec Sits	6.77	367.8	97.2	117	85.1	98
† Framlington Capital	5.97	263.4	97.7	82	78.6	140
† Framlington Smaller Cos	5.93	55.94	97.5	93	78.0	144
Friends Prov Stewardship	6.00	264.08	99.3	17	87.9	70
† FS Balanced Gth	6.00	80.16	98.1	64	92.2	33
† FS Service Cos	6.00	68.05	98.5	146	79.9	132
Gartmore British Gth	6.75	32.14	99.0	34	84.8	70
Gartmore UK Select Opps	6.75	100.54	93.8	44	77.6	147
Gartmore UK Smlr Cos	6.75	103.63	95.4	34	78.4	137
Gartmore Inv Opps	6.66	115.7	98.6	48	81.4	117
† Govett Great British Cos	6.51	49.54	97.9	71	103.7	2
† Govett UK Small Cos	6.49	47.73	99.4	24	85.3	97
† Govett UK Spec Opps	7.50	170.10	98.6	18	81.3	119
† Granville Smaller Cos	5.99	77.46	98.4	53	81.0	124
GRE Growth Equity	5.49	270.4	92.6	193	81.7	116
GRE Smaller Cos	5.49	260.7	99.3	171	73.0	171
Gresham UK Gth	6.71	75.54	96.6	137	91.2	41
Grofund Equity	4.99	151.0	96.3	147	97.6	6
† GT UK Capital	6.63	150.10	99.5	168	84.6	102
† GT UK Spec Situations	6.61	59.93	97.7	105	81.3	119
† Guinness Mahon Recovery	6.54	215.2	98.9	36	76.7	154
Guinness Mahon T B USM	7.35	163.1	100.6	6	83.5	105
Hambro-General UK Gth	5.76	74.75	97.0	125	91.5	39
Hambros Smaller Cos	5.99	33.75	97.8	76	79.6	134
† Hambros UK New Generation	5.99	42.09	98.4	153	81.4	117
Henderson Best of British	6.52	48.5	96.9	131	92.5	21
Henderson Spec Sits	7.01	214.98	97.3	105	84.8	100
Hill Samuel Capital	6.48	123.3	94.0	191	87.9	70
Hill Samuel Security	6.49	259.7	95.5	168	82.1	88
Hill Samuel Sm Cos	6.50	97.96	92.2	199	63.6	186
Hill Samuel Spec Sits	6.48	138.3	94.4	185	83.0	107
† Hill Samuel UK Emerg Cos	6.48	60.61	94.3	187	71.4	177
Holborn Small Companies	6.49	70.91	98.9	38	85.6	91
† Holborn Spec Situations	6.49	95.28	95.8	163	81.1	123
† Holborn UK Gth	6.50	102.40	97.2	117	88.1	66
James Capel Capital	6.30	46.4	99.5	21	91.2	42
KB Uk Equity Cos	5.97	109.8	98.6	48	76.5	156
KB Uk Equity Gth	6.00	35.16	96.5	146	92.0	34
† Key Equity & General	6.00	59.26	93.4	195	78.5	134
† Key Smaller Cos	6.51	59.53	96.6	142	79.9	132
† LAS UK Equity	6.00	71.63	97.8	75	94.5	5
Lauriston Gth	6.02	162.4	99.9	15	95.5	15
Lazard UK Capital	1.88	266.1	95.8	162	91.0	45
Lazard UK Small Cos Gth	4.80	180.4	96.6	48	69.6	126
Legal & General Equity	5.99	368.1	97.8	76	95.3	17
Legal & General UK Recovery	6.00	59.60	98.9	36	95.3	17
Legal & General UK Spec Sits	6.01	82.57	96.6	142	82.5	109
Lloyds Smlr Cos Rec	5.90	250.91	95.1	30	81.7	122
Lloyds UK Gth	4.99	70.89	98.8	44	98.4	16
† M & S UK Set Port	6.50	193.90	97.4	104	—	—
M&G Commonwealth Gth	5.44	670.5	98.9	35	93.5	23
† M&G Recovery Acc	5.46	45.00	97.0	125	83.9	89
† M&G Smlr Cos	5.66	56.40	101.1	4	82.9	108
Manulife UK Smaller Cos	6.02	137.5	95.3	171	70.0	179
Marlin Currie Uk Gth	5.79	65.29	94.6	184	82.0	111
† Mercury Recovery	6.25	265.4	97.5	93	77.6	147
† Mercury Uk Smlr Cos	6.26	47.64	93.5	199	74.9	163
Merlin Jupiter Spec Sits	5.93	36.56	98.4	53	89.6	55
Metropolitan UK Gth	6.00	58.62	97.6	90	86.0	89
MGM Spec Situations Gth	5.98	31.92	93.6	193	61.4	183
† Midland British	6.50	66.25	97.4	104	97.0	10
† Midland Capital	6.51	111.5	94.8	180	80.5	128
† Midland Smaller Cos	6.48	151.7	96.2	155	71.9	176
† MIM Brit Gt British Cos	7.29	40.73	96.0	160	85.1	98
MIM Brit Rupert Enrgs	6.40	61.95	97.6	90	99.0	4
† MIM Brit Smaller Cos	5.87	25.17	98.1	157	67.8	181
† MIM Brit UK Gth	5.88	43.68	97.9	71	87.2	79
† MGM Brit UK Spec Features	5.87	25.59	100.3	9	77.3	150
† MLA UK Smaller Companies	6.02	21.89	96.3	57	77.8	145
Murray Smaller Companies	6.31	53.29	94.2	187	65.7	181
† Murray Uk Gth	6.31	74.63	97.5	93	96.1	17
† NGI Concorde	6.29	52.30	97.3	108	80.1	58
NGI Smaller Cos	6.95	34.97	99.9	36	104.4	143
Norwich UK Fd Gth	6.00	98.77	98.1	64	86.2	85
Norwich UK Smlr Cos	6.00	90.38	97.7	82	77.7	146
Pearl Gth	4.68	119.1	96.7	140	87.7	73
Pearl UK Small Cos Acc	6.00	51.94	99.1	30	—	—
Pembroke Fund	5.65	94.01	99.6	13	95.9	14
Perpetual Uk Gth	6.52	51.07	98.9	36	83.4	28
† Principal Trust	6.01	102.95	97.3	108	—	—
† Prudnc Spec Sits	6.13	114.9	95.4	171	86.6	84
Prov Cap Uk Equity	6.91	61.43	97.5	93	89.8	55
† Prov Mutual Equity	5.37	117.0	97.7	82	87.3	78
† Refuge UK Equity	6.54	222.6	99.4	24	—	—
Regency Branch Gth	6.00	59.52	97.3	28	90.7	47
Reliance	5.91	157.1	96.9	131	84.1	104
Renart Fraser Gth	6.39	138.5	95.6	166	74.4	166
Royal Life Equity Gth	6.01	240.6	97.8	76	85.4	96
† Royal Life UK Emerg Cos	6.00	74.27	98.2	58	91.2	42

Fund	Bid price	Spread	1 month perf	1 month rank	1 year perf	1 year rank
† Royal London Spec Sits	5.95	144.7	100.1	13	85.9	91
Royal London UK Gth	5.99	55.04	99.9	15	87.5	75
Royal Trust PPT UK	6.19	104.9	96.9	131	92.7	30
Royal Trust Smaller Co's	7.00	56.34	95.2	176	85.5	184
Royal Trust UK Spec Sits	6.54	75.10	96.5	146	—	—
† S&P Accessories	5.99	231.5	100.6	8	86.9	84
† S&P Spec Sits	5.98	172.0	95.9	161	73.7	169
† S&P UK Equity	5.99	242.7	95.1	177	87.7	73
† S&P UK Smaller Cos Gth	5.98	53.91	100.1	13	80.4	130
S&W Gth	5.43	110.1	96.0	66	97.7	7
S&W Smaller Securities	5.48	261.2	98.6	48	83.1	106
Schroder Enterprise Acc	5.99	147.5	97.3	108	97.8	38
Schroder Recovery (first)	5.99	133.3	98.4	53	88.4	63
Schroder Smaller Cos	5.97	171.6	93.9	36	90.6	126
Schroder Uk Sm Cos (first)	6.00	98.33	96.1	157	77.2	151
Scimitar Uk Capital Growth A	5.64	29.34	97.5	93	89.1	58
Scot Am Equity	6.11	48.37	98.7	46	90.1	52
† Scot Am Equity Strategy	6.10	57.99	97.3	108	87.4	76
Scot Am UK Sm Co	6.09	49.03	97.5	93	82.1	113
Scot Equit Ethical	6.48	22.69	100.6	6	82.4	111
Scot Mut UK Smlr Cos Equity	6.03	217.5	97.5	93	78.6	155
Scot Mut UK Spec Sits	6.01	64.35	96.5	146	75.6	160
Scot Prov Equity Gth	6.55	20.76	98.0	66	93.5	26
† Sovereign Ethical	6.00	51.02	98.6	48	93.9	24
† Sovereign Uk Gth	6.24	52.94	94.6	184	90.6	48
Standard Life Uk Equity Gth	5.89	43.68	99.1	20	96.7	11
Sun Alliance Equity Trust	7.01	610.4	93.0	66	94.6	22
Sun Life Of Canada UK Gth	6.51	33.47	97.8	76	87.9	70
Target Uk Capital	6.79	91.14	96.2	155	77.2	151
Thornton UK Opportunities	6.50	61.09	99.6	18	91.3	41
† TR Smaller Companies	5.99	80.13	96.5	146	71.3	178
† TR Spec Opportunities	5.99	84.80	93.8	193	65.2	185
TSB British Gth	6.00	74.43	97.8	76	96.6	12
TSB Environmental Investor	5.99	50.05	96.5	146	94.7	21
TSB Select Opportunity	5.99	50.49	97.3	108	88.4	63
TSB Smaller Cos	5.99	53.94	97.5	93	80.5	128
Tyndall British Lion	5.67	91.32	97.1	122	84.7	101
Tyndall Smaller Cos	5.63	72.29	95.0	176	72.4	174
UK UTM British Gth	5.99	64.19	91.9	200	81.3	119
Ub UTM Technical Analysts	6.00	67.18	98.7	46	90.0	53
UTAM Friars House Capital	5.99	217.0	98.5	58	89.5	57
Wardley UK Gth	6.47	172.4	95.3	171	85.8	90
Waverley Penny Stocks	6.08	35.93	96.9	131	74.1	168
† Wessex Uk Gth	6.35	119.5	97.2	117	91.4	40
Windsor Gth	6.16	77.81	96.6	142	74.4	166
Windsor Smaller Companies	6.19	33.91	89.9	201	50.3	191
† Yorkshire General	7.41	58.99	95.6	166	78.4	157
Sector Average/Totals	6.18	—	97.3	201	84.0	191

UK EQUITY INCOME

Fund	Bid price	Spread	1 month perf	1 month rank	1 year perf	1 year rank
Abbey High Income Equity	6.50	141.9	96.2	101	92.5	28
Abtrust Extra Inc	6.34	44.54	97.4	70	89.1	64
Acorna UK Equity Inc	5.36	56.83	100.6	4	—	—
AEtna High Yield	5.59	97.46	98.0	84	91.1	40
AEtna Income & Gth	5.58	350.9	98.3	26	87.0	83
AEtna Smaller Cos Dividend	5.59	79.36	96.1	102	69.7	120
Altemuches Income Builder	5.99	50.79	96.6	21	87.2	80
† Allied Dunbar Equity Inc	6.09	197.2	97.0	82	89.3	59
† Allied Dunbar High Inc	6.10	267.8	98.2	43	95.4	5
† Allied Dunbar High Yield	6.08	50.3	97.0	82	90.5	37
Antichrist Quarterly Inc	5.66	43.31	101.2	3	73.3	118
Asset Inc	5.88	122.05	98.8	16	89.4	57
Bank of Ireland Inc Pers	5.49	86.34	94.9	116	94.6	13
† Barclays Uni Extra Inc	6.50	104.4	97.9	60	88.4	71
Barclays Uni Inc	6.49	459.2	95.6	111	85.3	88
Bonna Equity Inc	5.74	78.50	98.4	31	82.6	25
BG Income Gth	6.52	270.9	93.7	7	91.9	35
Brown Dividend	5.99	80.81	89.7	123	71.7	119
† Brown Shipley Inc	6.54	107.7	98.5	27	85.3	98
† Buckmaster Inc	5.67	166.6	95.4	113	89.4	57
Cannon Inc	6.50	49.06	96.7	89	87.4	78
† Capital House Income A Gth	5.99	21.94	98.6	21	92.9	22
† CCF Sel High Inc Equity	6.01	50.58	97.2	79	—	—
† Clerical Med Equity High Inc	5.00	63.83	98.7	19	95.3	32
Combhill High Inc	6.01	48.92	99.3	12	86.6	68
† Crown High Inc	7.00	357.7	95.9	104	98.9	5
† CU Inc	6.00	65.70	97.9	60	90.5	50
† CU Quilter Inc	6.00	96.03	95.5	112	86.1	91
† Eagle Star UK High Inc	5.98	114.1	98.2	43	95.4	9
EFM Growth & Inc	5.66	209.3	93.6	124	86.5	86
English Trust Inc	5.00	111.27	99.7	63	84.7	143
Equitable High Inc	6.02	310.5	97.0	82	94.5	14
Exeter Equity High Inc	6.26	63.34	102.6	1	100.5	2
F&C UK Inc	5.63	109.1	97.7	83	97.7	6
Fidelity Income Plus	6.81	118.0	97.5	69	86.8	85
Fleming Income Portfolio	2.38	80.46	96.8	87	93.0	21
† Framlington Extra Inc	5.98	289.7	94.3	123	88.9	62
Framlington Monthly Inc	5.98	133.2	99.4	31	83.5	105
† Friends Prov & Str

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Delyn Packaging	Paper,Print,Adv	
2	Clifford Foods 'A'	Foods	
3	STC (aa)	Electricals	
4	Kelt Energy	Oil,Gas	
5	Scholes Grp	Electricals	
6	Nat West (aa)	Banks,Discount	
7	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
8	Euro Leisure	Leisure	
9	King & Shaxson	Banks,Discount	
10	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
11	Shell (aa)	Oil,Gas	
12	Appletree Hldgs	Foods	
13	Clarke Nickolls	Property	
14	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
15	Baker Harris	Property	
16	Forminster	Drapery,Stores	
17	Derwent Hldgs	Property	
18	Hunting	Industrials E-K	
19	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
20	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
21	Smtrom	Electricals	
22	Gt Western Res	Oil,Gas	
23	Sovereign	Oil,Gas	
24	Rosehaugh	Property	
25	Halma	Industrials E-K	
26	Power Corp	Property	
27	Pifco	Electricals	
28	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
29	Fitch-RS	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Greycoat	Property	
31	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
32	Davy	Industrials A-D	
33	Park Foods	Foods	
34	Skillaw	Industrials S-Z	
35	Westerly	Industrials S-Z	
36	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
37	NSM	Building,Roads	
38	TI (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
39	Gr Portland	Property	
40	Lister	Textiles	
41	Howden	Industrials E-K	
42	Havelock Europa	Industrials E-K	
43	Brixton	Property	
44	Goal Pet	Oil,Gas	

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Weekly Dividend

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Three winners shared the £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Mr James Johnson, of Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire, Mr Peter Hasler, of central London, and Mrs A Preece, of Bournemouth, Dorset, each receive £666.66.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Losses reduced at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 23. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day August 6. Settlement day August 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 34).

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WEEKEND MONEY

Cash flow need behind launch at Laurentian

By BARBARA ELLIS

TIMES are hard for unit trust companies. Price listings show that many trusts are now quoting on a "bid" basis, meaning that their prices are based on the lower end of their permitted range and generally reflecting that more investors are selling than buying.

The trusts also face the prospect of their funds under management dwindling as insurance companies seek to minimise their tax bills by switching from units into direct holdings of shares.

Regular injections of cash become the unit managers' ideal in circumstances like these and Daniel Godfrey of Laurentian Unit Trust Management acknowledges that cash flow was a substantial part of his group's motivation in launching its Capital Transfer Account this week.

Laurentian's account takes a minimum investment of £1,000 into the group's cash trust, which has no initial charge, but an annual management fee of 0.4 per cent.

Each month, one-twelfth of the amount in the cash trust is transferred into one of the group's eight trusts, which range in size from the £5 million American Undervalued Assets Trust to the £16 million European Undervalued Assets Trust.

The £1,000 minimum is twice Laurentian's normal level for initial investments and one-twelfth of that, or £83.33, is just over three times the £25 the group usually accepts in regular monthly investments.

Mr Godfrey explained that the higher levels had been set because of the extra work involved: "A minimum of £500 would have cost us money. Administratively we couldn't run it," he said.

However, Mr Godfrey concedes that there was nothing to stop investors putting just £500 into the cash trust and feeding £25 a month into another trust, though they would have to remember to instruct the group each time.

He said, though, that the group would accept a series of post-dated instructions.

Investors who review past performance at Laurentian will find a mixed picture. The group's Growth Trust has shown a rise of 267 per cent over the past five years, ranking top in its sector.

But in the last year, its Japanese Undervalued Assets Trust has dropped by 12.2 per cent and the Undervalued Assets Trust by 2.4 per cent. Since January this year, the American Undervalued Assets Trust has fallen by 15.4 per cent, ranking 116th out of 132 funds.

Laurentian's launch coincided with the withdrawal from the market of a similar scheme, the Capital Investment Account, which channelled money from a Cheltenham & Gloucester building society account into Mercury unit trusts. Launched in February 1988, the C&G/Mercury account had attracted 1,200 investors with less than £5 million.

The interest rate on the building society account was lately an uncompetitive 8.16 per cent, against the expected net yield on Laurentian's cash trust of 10.7 per cent.

A C&G spokeswoman said that the account had been very costly to administer and as part of its simple, focused approach, the society had decided to drop it. However, as the agreements ran for two years, some investors may hold the account until 1991.

Rupert Bruce outlines the merits of regular saving

Trusting in a little but often

THAT private investors buy at the top of the stock market and sell at the bottom is a sad but true City cliché.

One of the best ways to avoid the problem is to put a regular amount in a unit trust or investment trust each month.

A regular savings plan has two merits. It removes the problems of when to invest and through a device called "pound cost averaging," it ensures that shares or units are bought cheaply.

Roger Jennings, marketing director of unit trust manager M&G Securities, said: "We are very keen on regular savings plans and we think they are very useful for the investor."

"Pound cost averaging" results in shares or units being bought at below the average stock market price, something which requires good judgement and luck if investing money in a lump sum.

If a regular sum is invested each month, obviously more securities are bought when the price is low than when it is high. So, the average price paid is lower than the average price of the unit or share over the existence of the saving plan.

Nicholas Prowse, a director at Fleming Investment Trust Management, thinks investment through regular savings plans reduces the risk of equity investment.

The 1990 sales figures for Flemings' Investment Trusts Savings Plan illustrate the foolishness of most investors. While this savings plan is designed to take both one-off lump sum investments and regular savings, sales fluctuate widely to follow the latest fashions.

More than £2 million was invested during January, as investors moved in after a British stock market rally over Christmas and the New Year. Since then, sales have dropped to £1.5 million a month.

Mr Prowse said: "Time after time we are seeing people who are only buying because they see that equities have gone up. Their confidence gets shattered when they go down and they often sell." According to Mr Prowse, the advantages of regular savings are much greater in a volatile investment, like the Fleming Japanese trust than a stable one, like the group's High Income trust.

"The more volatile the stock market, the greater the advantages, because the greater is the damage from investing at a peak," he said.

Investment products are normally launched at a time which their managers consider apt for investment.

And just to show that even the professionals get it wrong, Fleming relaunched its savings plan in August 1987. Stock markets around the world crashed on Black Monday that October.

M&G has carried on marketing through booming and bottoming stock markets, while other groups step up and cut back on marketing accordingly. As a result, Mr Jennings has not witnessed investors buying at market peaks and selling in troughs.

It also has lower charges than many unit trust groups. Five per cent of an investment is taken as an initial charge and a further one per cent is taken in annual management charges.

These charges apply to the unit trust manager's monthly savings scheme as well as its personal equity plan (pep) savings scheme, which has all the advantages of the normal one, and also allows an investment of up to £3,000 a year free of all tax. The disadvantage is it can only be used to invest in six of M&G's 26 unit trusts.

Those with 50 per cent or more of the fund invested overseas cannot be sheltered by the pep tax umbrella.

Fleming's charges are even lower than M&G's. The investment trust manager takes 1 per cent when an investment is made and charges operating expenses to the trust.

Fleming also has a pep. It takes 1.5 per cent when an investment is made and charges an additional 1.75 per cent stockbroking commission. In its case, only four of the 12 investment trusts are eligible under the 50 per cent rule.

Mr Prowse regards the Fleming investment trusts savings scheme as an ideal vehicle for someone saving for a specific purpose. He thinks it a good way to save for retirement, or perhaps to buy a car for a child's 18th birthday.

But while regular saving removes the problem of when to invest, it leaves that of when to sell.

Mr Jennings said: "The one thing you have to keep your eye out for is to sell when the market is high. You should wait until the newspapers are saying it is high."

Double result from SIB tipsheet swoop

By TONY HETHERINGTON

OFFICERS from the Metropolitan Police fraud squad investigating an alleged restaurant guide swindle have been questioning a man who was detained by Securities & Investments Board officials carrying out a separate enquiry into a rash of unauthorised investment tip-sheets.

SIB officials have been concerned for more than a year at the appearance of high-priced investment newsletters, firstly from an address in the West End of London and more recently from Rivington House, a small office building in Great Eastern Street, on the edge of the City. Rivington House offers offices on short lets or acts as an accommodation address.

Under the Financial Services Act, anyone offering investment advice, either directly or through a specialist newsletter or publication, must be authorised by the Securities & Investments Board or one of the watchdog self-regulatory bodies such as Fimbra.

The newsletters, *W.D Gann Investment Research* at £150 a year, *Insider Dealer* at £200, and, more recently, *Paragon Options Research* at £780 a year, were not published by any authorised company or individual.

The publishers and managers of the newsletters used the names Tony Greene, David Briggs, John Cutler, and Steven Plumb — though all are believed to be the same individual.

An SIB official said investigators had gone to Rivington House after receiving a complaint from a member of the public who had been contacted by Paragon Options Research.

She added: "The investigators realised that the new newsletter had the same format as one already under investigation, called *Insider Dealer*. At Rivington House they met a man who gave his name as Steven Charles.

"He was evasive, and one of the investigators recognised him as the man who called himself Steven Plumb. He was persuaded to accompany them to the SIB offices and police were called.

"I do not want to say anything about this particular case, but in general we would consider prosecution whenever an unauthorised investment business is carried on."

Fraud Squad officers confirmed they had questioned a man who had been sought for some time in connection with allegations that hotels and restaurants were charged a fee for an entry in a non-existent guide book. One said: "A 26-year-old man from Hoxton, east London has been interviewed. Enquiries are continuing."

Skipton top in the big league

By RODNEY HOBSON

SKIPTON Building Society has leapt to the top of the building societies' investment rate table for large investors. It has created a new interest rate band of 12.75 per cent for deposits of more than £50,000 in its Sovereign Shares Account.

Interest paid in other bands is also raised: to 11 per cent for £10,000-£49,000; 10.8 per cent for £5,000-£9,999 and 10.3 per cent for £500-£4,999.

It is also raising the interest rate on its Ninety Plus Account, which requires 90 days' notice for withdrawals. Deposits of £50,000 earn 12.9 per cent, while those from £25,000 to £49,999 earn 12 per cent, and £500 to £24,999 11.55 per cent.

Skipton's claim that its top rate was half a per cent above its nearest building society rival for an account giving instant access was quickly countered by the Stroud and Swindon Building Society. Anxious to put controversy surrounding its merger with the Frome Selwood society behind it, Stroud has a Celebration Account paying 12.5 per cent on £40,000 or over and 12.25 per cent up to £39,999. The minimum investment is £20,000 and the minimum withdrawal £5,000.

Figures collated by Sue Thomas at the *Moneyguides* newsletter, based at Rattlesden, Suffolk, show that the Skipton and Stroud rates on instant-access accounts put it ahead of other big payers. Cheltenham & Gloucester offers 12.25 per cent with a minimum investment of only £2,500 and Chelsea's Classic carries 11.75 per cent.

Skipton is also on top of the table for accounts requiring two or three months' notice of withdrawal, according to *Moneyguides*. National Counties pays 12.75 per cent and St Pancras pays 11.9 per cent on a monthly basis, equivalent to 12.32 per cent on an annual basis.

Birmingham Midshires and Leeds & Holbeck run to 12.25 per cent.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 071-837 6494 Life Funds				
Squirrel	13.98	14.72	+0.02	..
Bear	13.87	14.66	+0.09	..
Owl	16.48	17.35	-0.03	..
Bull	14.90	15.50	-0.15	..
Stag	14.80	15.68	-0.15	..
Gilt Edged	12.35		+0.10	..
Deposit	12.64		+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	17.28	18.18	+0.04	..
Bear	17.37	18.29	+0.13	..
Owl	21.41	22.54	-0.04	..
Bull	18.77	19.78	-0.23	..
Stag	17.98	18.91	-0.21	..
Gilt Edged	14.18		+0.12	..
Deposit	14.72		+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	200.7	204.9	-1.87	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	291.0	306.4	-0.1	..
Do Accum	448.4	472.1	-0.1	..
Equity Fund Income	129.5	134.4	-1.8	..
Do Accum	154.6	162.8	-0.9	..
Selective Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]		..
Money Fund	285.7	300.8	+0.6	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	358.6	377.5	-0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	157.7	166.0	-0.7	..
Man Ser 4	445.5	469.0	-1.6	..
Conv Ser 4	254.1	267.6	+0.8	..
Money Ser 4	253.9	267.3	+0.6	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	222.3	234.1	+2.0	..
American Ser 4	302.2	318.2	-7.3	..
High Inc Ser 4	470.1	494.9	-3.8	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	145.6	153.3	+1.4	..
Japan Ser 4	284.2	299.2	-4.2	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£10.95	11.53	-0.05	..
European Fd Accum	301.9	317.7	-2.1	..
Fixed Int Acc	349.8	368.2	+2.3	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	260.4	274.0	+0.5	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	406.9	428.3	-2.8	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	208.3	219.2	+0.1	..
Japan Fund	295.3	310.7	-0.2	..
Nth American Fd Acc	217.9	229.3	-4.3	..
Prop Fd Acc	340.7	358.5	+0.4	..
Multiple Inv Acc	740.6	779.5	-3.0	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	288.6	303.8	+0.7	..
Equity Accum	905.3	953.0	-9.8	..
Property Accum	491.6	517.5	-0.2	..
Far East Accum	200.3	210.9	-3.0	..
Managed Capital	390.5	411.1	-3.8	..
Do Accum	708.3	745.6	-6.7	..
Overseas Accum	621.8	654.6	-6.9	..
Gilt Edged Accum	312.8	329.3	+2.6	..
Amer Equity Accum	460.8	485.1	-8.0	..
Amer Man Accum	209.6	220.7	-2.7	..
Amer Prop Accum	126.2	132.8	-1.7	..
ANTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Freephone 0800 833 580				
International	236.5	249.0	-3.03	..
High Income	217.0	228.4	-1.24	..
Income & Growth	297.6	313.3	-1.09	..
Basic Resources	135.8	142.9	-1.57	..
American	192.1	202.2	-3.79	..
Japan & General	433.6	456.5	-2.83	..
Special Situations	245.8	258.7	-1.34	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 081-534 5544				
Equity Accum	592.8	624.0	-6.8	..
Do Initial	458.4	482.6		..
Gilt Edged Accum	237.3	249.8	+2.3	..
Do Initial	181.2	190.8		..
International Accum	295.4	311.0	-6.9	..
Do Initial	234.7	247.1		..
Managed Accum	382.0	402.2	-4.7	..
Do Initial	294.9	310.5	-1.9	..
Money Accum	226.1	238.0	+0.4	..
Do Initial	169.4	178.4	+0.1	..
Property Accum	295.3	310.9	-2.8	..
Do Initial	226.3	238.3	-2.4	..
America Accum	170.5	179.5	-2.5	..
Do Initial	133.7	140.8	-2.9	..
Australia Accum	158.1	166.5	-0.8	..
Do Initial	124.2	130.8	-0.8	..
Financial Accum	247.0	260.0	-2.4	..
Do Initial	193.7	203.9	-3.4	..
500 Accum	316.5	333.2	-2.5	..
Do Initial	244.7	257.6	-2.8	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	363.4	382.5	-8.4	..
Do Initial 2	279.3	294.0	-12.0	..
Income Accum	364.4	383.6	-0.3	..
Do Initial	284.4	299.4	-2.3	..
Leisure Accum	208.5	219.5	-0.8	..
Special Sits Accum	149.7	157.6	-2.2	..
Univ Tech Accum	119.7	126.0	-1.7	..
Do Initial	96.1	101.2	-1.0	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	543.39		-1.15	..
Income Fund	560.5	590.0	-3.56	..
Extra Income Fund	495.1	521.2	+2.58	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	364.7	383.9	-5.98	..
Balanced Fund	457.2	481.2	-4.22	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	528.5	556.3	+22.83	..
Int Technology Fund	361.9	381.0	-6.18	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	250.4	263.6	-8.91	..
Energy Int Fund	154.5	162.6	+2.80	..
Pacific Basin Fund	301.3	317.2	-4.40	..
German Growth Fd	194.2	204.4	-0.02	..
Japan Growth Fd	167.2	176.0	-2.98	..
The UK Gth Fd	154.6	162.8	-1.57	..
Cont Euro Gth	105.2	110.7	-1.46	..
Property Fund	317.1	333.7	-2.31	..
Fixed Interest Fund	209.4	220.4	+1.90	..
Cash Fund	223.7	235.5	+0.34	..
Managed Inv Fund	339.0	356.8	-1.04	..
Nth Amer Recov	145.5	153.2	-3.20	..
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Growth	363.4	382.6	-5.53	..
Managed Income	135.7	142.9	-1.66	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	205.0		-4.2	..
Managed	227.0	239.0	-1.2	..
Property	194.4	204.6	+0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	153.9	162.0	+0.9	..
Index-Linked	141.6	149.1	+2.7	..
Equity	250.8	264.1	-1.2	..
Cash	174.7	184.0	+0.3	..
Midland Bk UT	239.3	251.9	-2.1	..
Midland Bk Int	255.3	268.8	-3.4	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081-902 8876				
Equity Units	£28.95		-0.52	..
Property Units	£29.62		-0.01	..
Bal Bd Exec Uts	£45.17	47.80	-0.27	..
2nd Equity Accum	448.7	474.8	-2.5	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	428.1	453.0	-0.8	..
2nd Property Accum	280.9	297.2	+0.8	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	135.4	143.2	+0.6	..
2nd Managed Acc	322.6	341.4	-1.9	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	151.6	160.4	-1.3	..
2nd Deposit Accum	223.7	236.7	+0.4	..
3rd Gilt Accum	203.9	215.8	+1.0	..
2nd Amer Accum	307.1	325.0	-7.7	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	191.1	202.2	-0.6	..
2nd Index Accum	133.8	141.6	-0.1	..
2nd Far East Accum	299.9	317.4	-6.1	..
2nd Global Accum	103.3	109.3	-2.0	..
2nd Euro Accum	133.6	141.4	-0.6	..
2nd Japan Accum	168.6	178.5	-3.1	..
2nd Heritage Acc	73.7	78.0	-0.2	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	101.5	107.4	+0.5	..
3rd Strat Opp Acc	96.1	101.7	-0.6	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	223.6	235.4	-2.7	..
Money Fund	294.1	309.6	+0.5	..
Managed Fund	483.2	508.7	-4.1	..
Equity Fund	335.6	353.3	-2.0	..
Fixed Interest Fund	159.7	168.2	-0.6	..
Far East Fund	409.1	430.7	-4.1	..
Nth Amer Fund	125.0	131.6	-6.1	..
Nat Resources Fund	250.3	263.5	+0.1	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566 Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	196.1	206.5	-2.4	..
Ruby	115.2	121.3	-2.0	..
Emerald	105.0	110.6		..
Equity	222.5	234.3	-3.0	..
Property	197.1	207.5	-1.7	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	132.9	139.9	+0.1	..
Indexed Secs	121.3	127.7	-0.9	..
Cash	144.2	151.8	+0.3	..
Nth American	129.0	135.8	-2.2	..
Far East	203.7	214.5	-3.1	..
International	154.4	162.6	-2.5	..
Special Sits	220.0	231.6	-4.1	..
Intl Income	202.6	213.3	-2.4	..
American Inc	114.6	120.7	+0.6	..
European	249.6	262.8	-5.2	..
Japanese	129.2	135.1	-3.2	..
Intl Asia	195.6	207.0	-2.9	..
Home Inv WP Reg	115.3	121.4	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	118.3	121.4	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	206.2	217.1	-1.6	..
Equity	232.0	244.3	-1.6	..
Property	171.2	180.3		..
Gilt & Fixed Int	147.8	155.6	+0.1	..
Index Linked	129.8	136.7	+1.2	..
Cash	175.7	185.0	+0.4	..
Nth American	145.6	153.3	-2.3	..
Far East Acc	234.7	247.1	-5.0	..
International Acc	185.4	195.2	-2.2	..
Special Sits	304.6	320.7	-5.8	..
European Flex	329.7	347.1	-4.0	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 071-248 9861				
CML U Ass Ivey	188.39			..
CML U Ass Pacemkr	243.47			..
CML U Ass Cash	161.0	169.5	+0.52	..
CML U Ass.Equity	393.0	413.6	-5.15	..
CML U Ass.FI	219.7	231.3	+0.83	..
CML U Ass Mngd	289.5	304.7	-3.36	..
CML U Ass.Prop	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.49	..
CML(Pen)Cash Cap	171.9	180.9		..
CML(Pen)Cash Inv	216.0	227.4		..
CML(Pen) Eqty Cap	£11.00	11.58		..
CML(Pen) Eqty Inv	£13.83	14.56		..
CML(Pen)Fixd Cap	239.9	252.6		..
CML(Pen)Fixd Inv	301.5	317.4		..
CML(Pen) Indx Cap	157.2	165.5		..
CML(Pen) Indx Inv	197.6	208.0		..
CML(Pen)Man Cap	441.3	464.5		..
CML(Pen)Man Inv	554.5	583.7		..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 071-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	452.98		..	..
Var Ann (5)	80.96			..
Prime- Managed	289.7	305.0	-3.6	..
Prime- UK Equity	352.4	371.0	-4.9	..
Prime- Intl Equity	219.3	230.9	-6.1	..
Prime- Property	221.9	233.6	-0.6	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	152.3	160.4	+0.1	..
Prime- Index-Linked	125.3	131.9	+0.9	..
Prime- Cash	160.2	168.7	+0.4	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 071-242 0282				
Managed Fund	835.6	879.5	..	..
Equity Fund	£11.61	12.22	..	..
PIP Fund	£35.962		..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	407.5	428.9	-3.9	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	233.3	245.5		..
Life Equity Accum	550.1	579.0	-8.1	..
Life Money Accum	233.7	245.9	+0.3	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	526.5	554.2	-7.2	..
Life Intl Accum	372.6	392.2	-4.5	..
Life High Inc Accum	531.4	559.3	-10.4	..
Life Property Accum	229.9	241.9	+0.2	..
Crown Brit Inv A	889.1	983.5	..	..
Crown Equity	644.9	678.8		..
DBS Managed	242.2	254.9		..
Growth Accum	318.4	335.1	-2.1	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 [illegible] 07372 42424				
Measured Perf	111.9	[illegible]	-1.1	..
Performance Plus	110.8	117.3	-1.3	..
[illegible] Perf	129.7	137.2	+0.2	..

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

Travel agents put holidaymakers in danger of packing the wrong policy

Sara McConnell discovers that high rates of commission are leaving the last-minute traveller with inadequate insurance cover

PAULA YOUENS

PEOPLE going on last-minute package holidays are unlikely to put travel insurance at the top of their list of priorities, but taking out the first policy offered could prove a costly mistake should there be a claim.

Commission on insurance sales is an important source of income for travel agents. They can earn between 35 and 40 per cent commission on each policy and are often more interested in their fees than selling the holidaymaker the most suitable cover.

"The last-minute purchaser is a problem area. They think, let's zip off to Greece, we don't have a lot of spending money and we don't want to waste it on insurance," said Mark Roy, director of the Association of Travel Consumers.

"Travel agents try to sell last-minute travellers their own policy and often these policies are inadequate. High commission levels push the premium up and make it a disincentive to purchase travel insurance."

It is especially important to check the small print on policies sold by travel agents rather than tour operators. Such policies are often more tightly worded, and the limits on specific items may be lower. The cover is lower because this allows the insurance companies to pay larger commissions to travel agents to encourage them to sell policies, without raising the cost of premiums.

But settling for lower cover can be costly, especially when claiming for lost luggage or medical care: the most common problem areas.

Peter Hayman, director of Hayman Jackson, a specialist travel broker, said the difference in cover varied dramatically.

"It is important to check the cover. Travel agents' policies are not dissimilar to tour operators' policies but they often have to cut corners.

"For example, one policy only provides £500 worth of baggage cover. This is only suitable for backpacking and you need at least £1,000 worth."

Holidaymakers claiming on any part of the policy will often have to pay higher excesses before they stand to make any money out of their insurance. For example, Accident & General, the insurer endorsed by the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta), has an excess of £100 on its TravelGuard family medical cover world-wide, even if only one member of the family is taken ill. A more usual excess would be £35 per person.

Claims for expensive pieces of equipment like video cameras and jewellery will not usually be treated sympathetically, as travel insurers think these should be covered by a home contents policy.

Travel agents are often paid more in return for selling a large number of policies for just one insurer. MKC and Extrasure, both travel insurers, operate this policy, and travel agents selling MKC's policies would earn about 42 per cent for selling a certain number of policies rather than the usual 40 per cent. It is much less financially attractive for travel agents to sell a tour operator's own insurance, as they only earn commission of 10 or 12 per cent on each policy.

The Abta code forbids tour operators from insisting on customers taking out the tour operator's insurance.

But they are fighting to keep what should be a captive audience with various selling techniques that put the onus on the holidaymaker to opt out. Often the insurance premium is included in the amount of the deposit payable when people book their holidays. People who refuse the tour operator's insurance will still have to pay the full deposit and another premium on top for holiday insurance.

Tour operators like Thomson normally insist on seeing other insurance policies to check they provide adequate cover.

"Thomson is saying that agents cannot sell other insurance policies unless they have cover that is as good as their own, particularly on 24-hour emergency medical cover," said Val Bowley, director of Extrasure.

The wording of tour operators' policies can be more ambiguous, and again people should read the policy carefully. It is not safe to assume that an insurance company will always pay out even if cover is bought through a big-name tour operator.

According to the Association of Travel Consumers, one tour operator only provides £200,000 worth of medical cover for travel in America. A recent report in *Which?*, the Consumers' Association magazine, puts the minimum necessary cover at £1,000,000.

Travel insurance should not be an afterthought, and people should not sign on the first dotted line.

Forget those tax returns at your peril

By Roy Cannon

THIS is the time of the year when income tax returns lie limp and unloved in bureaux and desks with unpaid bills and demands, awaiting the despairing moment when someone says: "I suppose I must deal with it."

In his last Budget speech Mr Lawson offered encouragement for the early advising of tax liability by simply arming the Inland Revenue with a yet bigger stick with which to chastise defaulters. Penalties for non-disclosure or late-disclosure of tax liability were substantially increased by the Finance Act 1989.

Following this, on July 31 1989, the Inland Revenue pointed out, via a press release, that tax returns had to be sent in within 30 days of the date of the tax return or if later, by October 31 following the end of the tax year in which a gain arose.

It also stated that failure to do this would mean that the Inland Revenue could charge Section 88 interest on the unpaid tax. Section 88 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 is headed 'Interest on tax recovered to make good loss due to the taxpayer's fault'.

The circumstances causing this charge to interest to arise would be where the tax return sent late would show (1) new sources of income; (2) continuing sources of income where inadequate estimated assessments had been made and not appealed against; (3) capital gains.

Many people think that it is up to the Inland Revenue to send them a tax return to fill out and that until a tax return is received they do not have to take any action. This is not so, under the Taxes Acts there is an obligation for the taxpayer to notify liability whether or not a tax return is received.

If you feel you have a tax liability you ought to write to the tax office which issues your coding if you are in employment, otherwise you should write to your local tax office, keep a copy of your letter.

Many people feel confident enough to fill out their own tax returns, but one slip can lead to months of lengthy correspondence. It is often worth employing the services of an accountant to make sure the return is filled out correctly, and to deal with any correspondence with the Revenue in an efficient and orderly way.

Solicitors are also good sources of advice, and the Citizens Advice Bureaux will have some tips for single parents or others worried about their tax return.

Although wives may not like it, they still have to tell their husbands of their taxable income and any capital gains transactions for the last year ending April 5 1990, as for that year the husband has the responsibility of notifying liability for both spouses.

Next year the responsibility will fall squarely on the married woman to deal with her own tax liability and she and not her husband will be liable for any failure to declare the proper income.

Many years ago an inspector of taxes told me of a married woman who had called him regarding an interest she had not told her husband about. He said she had the best reason in the world for not telling her husband about the interest — she was saving up to leave him!

Churchill joins the battle for Britain's household cover

By Barbara Ellis

CHURCHILL Insurance, the direct marketing arm of Switzerland's Winterthur Insurance, is to extend its British operation to household insurance.

The 70,000 motorists who have bought cover from Churchill since it began operations last year will be the first target for the new service, which incorporates some unusual features.

Martin Long, the managing director, said his company will protect customers from under-insurance and the "insult to injury" wrangling with loss adjusters this could entail.

"We won't scale you down," said Mr Long, explaining that if a householder is insured for £10,000 and claims for a loss of £1,000, the payout could be cut to £300 if a loss adjuster decides that the total cover should have been for £20,000.


Long: extending UK operations

He estimates that more than one in twenty claims are reduced in this way.

Churchill's solution will be to recommend a level of cover, based on such factors as the property's post code and number of rooms in a house.

Although the price will be based on that level, said Mr Long, all policies will in fact, provide £30,000 worth of cover, so that nobody will be under-insured.

He considers that this is better than simply telling customers that all policies are for £30,000, as he feels most people will react by saying that the contents of their houses are worth far less.

"Most people say their contents are valued between £10,000 and £20,000 — the vast majority of policies seem to be for £16,000," he said.

Churchill is to offer no-claims bonuses on its household policies, with discounts rising from 10 per cent to a maximum of 20 per cent over three years.

The company will accept evidence of a clean claims record from previous insurers as counting towards its discounts. Competitive, rather than the cheapest in the market, according to Mr Long, Churchill is aiming to attract customers away from building societies.

As an incentive, it is offering to pay any swap-over fees charged by the societies when customers make the move.

These could amount to between £15 and £25.

Mr Long attacked the building societies for charging commissions on insurance ranging from 40p to 55p in the pound.

But he had to admit "as insurers, we keep the whole pound".

Cheque fee blamed on action of overseas bank

By Rodney Hobson

AFTER David Rudd issued a cheque for £312 he found £317 had been deducted from his account. Although only £5 was involved, he objects on principle to the fact that the actions of a foreign bank caused him to suffer a charge through no fault of his own.

Mr Rudd issued the cheque to a friend who lives abroad. The friend endorsed the cheque in favour of his foreign bank, paying, he and Mr Rudd understood, all charges.

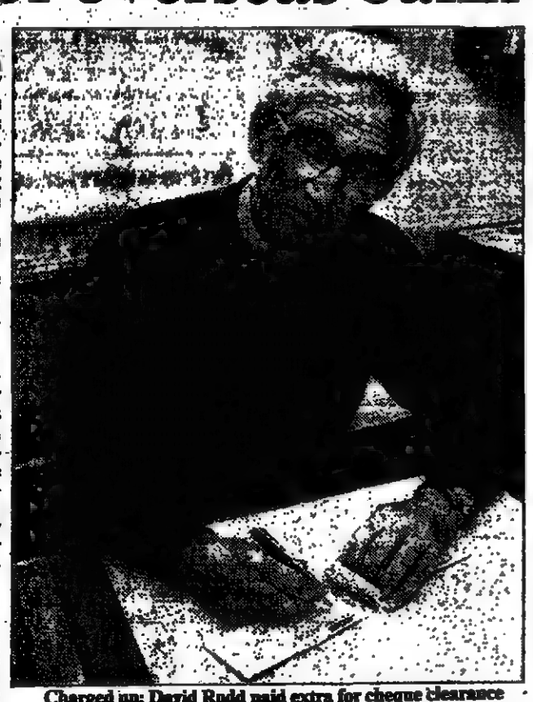
But the cheque came back to Britain via Barclay's International, which charged £5 for clearance. That charge was passed to the Barclay's branch where Mr Rudd has his account and the cheque, plus the £5 charge, were debited from his account.

The problem lay in the way that the foreign bank asked for payment. There are two methods, cash letter and collection.

Cash letter means that a bundle of sterling cheques are returned to this country together and are disseminated among the relevant British banks at this end. No charge is imposed on the person who issued the cheque.

Under collection, the foreign bank asks for the cheque to be cleared individually. It is likely to do so if it has any worries over clearance, since it will not know the financial position of the person issuing it. It is this method that incurs a charge.

In Mr Rudd's case he knew that the cheque would be cashed abroad, but says: "For all my bank knew, my friend might have received my cheque in this country but cashed it abroad to suit his convenience, without my knowledge but at my additional expense."


Charged up: David Rudd paid extra for cheque clearance

It is not worth starting litigation over £5, he says, and, in any case, he does not want to sour his relationship with Barclays, with whom he has banked for 40 years.

Barclays is by no means alone in adding a £5 charge for special clearance. Although bankers accept that it is unfortunate for the issuer of a cheque to be at the mercy of the recipient and his foreign bank, they point out that their costs are considerably higher than the £5 charge.

They say that where it is known that a cheque will be cashed abroad, it is cheaper to use a Eurocheque or arrange for a cheque to be issued in the local currency.

The worst thing is write a cheque out of a British cheque book in a foreign currency.

B&B offers premium price for endowments

BRADFORD & Bingley Building Society has launched a new service for endowment policyholders, who want to cash in their policies but are put off by low surrender values (writes Rodney Hobson).

The society expects to pay 10 to 30 per cent above surrender value by acting as intermediary for a specialist company that buys and sells policies. The exact sales value will vary from policy to policy.

To qualify for the Bradford & Bingley scheme, policies must have a surrender value of more than £1,000, have run for at least a quarter of their term and have less than 15 years to maturity.

The service has been set up because nearly half of all endowment policies are surrendered before maturity.

In recent years, selling policies by auction to buyers willing to keep up the payments in return for the proceeds has become more widespread.

Some policies have sold for double their surrender value.

Mark Gerdes, head of savings at the B&B, said: "Surrendering a policy is often a last resort as most of the benefits of an endowment come at maturity.

"As people's financial circumstances change, the need for an endowment may diminish and they will want to realise as much as they can from it before maturity."

Details are available on a free helpline number: 0800 591115.

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■ ABOUT 700,000 Barclaycard customers, or one in twelve, have closed their accounts since April when Barclays announced an £8 fee and a lower interest rate. Nine out of ten cancellations were by people who did not take extended credit. However, Barclays says applications for its new MasterCard have topped 400,000 and new applications for Visa are averaging 20,000 a month.

■ This year's package for first-year students from National Westminster Bank, available from Monday, includes a cash gift of £30 and an interest-free overdraft of up to £300 provided it is agreed in advance. Interest, currently 6 per cent, will be paid on accounts in credit.

■ Interest is fixed at 12.9 per cent for five years on a new endowment mortgage for first-time buyers with the TSB. The endowment policy does not have to be taken out through the bank. There is an arrangement fee of £150 and on July 31 1995, borrowers will have a choice of a further fixed term at the prevailing rate, or transferring to a variable rate.

■ The latest Tessa account, a Capital Growth Bond from the Britannia Building Society, has a guaranteed minimum return of £14,000 in five years on a one-off investment of £7,950 provided the standard rate of income tax remains at 25 per cent. The bond pays a fixed rate of 12.25 per cent gross.

■ New borrowers at the Birmingham Midshires Building Society have their mortgage rate reduced by 1.25 per cent for the first year. At present rates, borrowers pay 14.15 per cent instead of 15.4 per cent. The maximum loan is 90 per cent of valuation, but the offer is available for standard as well as endowment, personal equity plan and pension mortgages.

■ Walthamstow Building Society members have voted overwhelmingly in favour of merging with the Cheltenham & Gloucester. Walthamstow investors will earn a bonus of 0.75 per cent when the merger takes effect on October 31.

■ Diameter Stockbrokers of Guildford has a maximum dealing charge of £15 per transaction on its service for small, private shareholders. Clients are required to pay £10 plus VAT to open an account and can buy and sell over the telephone. The minimum charge is £7.

■ Leeds Permanent Building Society is considering introducing direct debits, after 41 per cent of mortgage payers surveyed said they would use this method of payment if it was available.

■ A school fees planning service enabling parents to invest to cover future education costs has been launched by BDO Binder Hamlyn, the chartered accountants.

■ Bank of Scotland's MasterCard and Eurocard holders now have access to its Autoteller network worldwide. They were previously restricted to 300 machines, mostly in Scotland.

Portfolio

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 37).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+4	+3	+5	+4	+2		
2	+4	+5	+4	+7	+1		
3	+6	+1	+4	+3	+2		
4	+4	+3	+6	+4	+1		
5	+6	+2	+3	+4	+1		
6	+4	+3	+3	+8	+2		
7	+3	+5	+4	+6	+5		
8	+6	+2	+8	+4	+2		
9	+6	+2	+4	+3	+1		
10	+2	+3	+4	+7	+5		
11	+3	+4	+5	+6	+5		
12	+7	+1	+2	+3	+1		
13	+2	+3	+3	+7	+5		
14	+5	+5	+3	+7	+3		
15	+6	+1	+6	+4	+1		
16	+5	+1	+2	+3	+1		
17	+4	+1	+5	+4	+1		
18	+7	+1	+3	+3	+1		
19	+4	+2	+2	+8	+1		
20	+6	+1	+5	+3	+1		
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24	+3	+2	+3	+7	+2		
25	+5	+2	+5	+4	+2		
26	+5	+1	+4	+3	+1		
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37	+3	+2	+2	+8	+2		
38	+2	+2	+3	+5	+4		
39	+4	+1	+2	+3	+2		
40	+3	+2	+3	+5	+1		
41	+5	+2	+5	+5	+1		
42	+6	+2	+3	+4	+2		
43	+4	+6	+5	+5	+6		
44	+4	+2	+3	+5	+2		

WEEKEND MONEY

LETTERS

Long-term view of investment through peps fails to make allowance for hidden charges

From Mr J. W. Scott

Sir, In your Weekend Money article you say that River Plate's zero shares will provide a 50 per cent capital gain by 1996. In order to achieve the 12 per cent return you quoted, they would need to provide a 100 per cent gain in six years. This calculation assumes that there are no hidden costs.

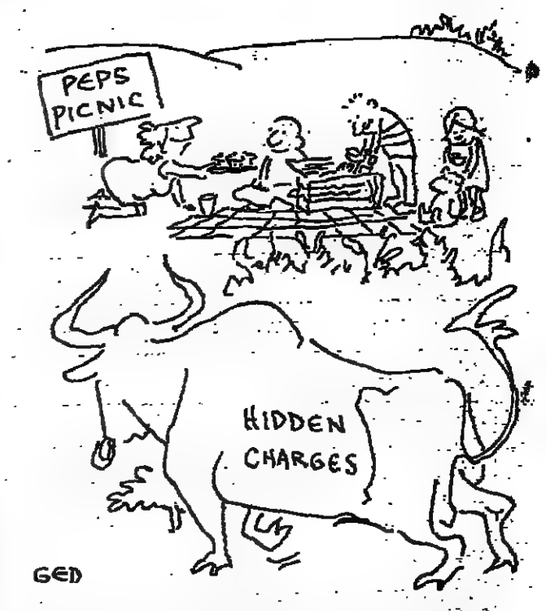
Financial journalists like yourself frequently recommend peps, on the valid argument that over the long term equities outpace the building societies.

My own experience of peps is that they turn their investments over about three times a year at a cost of about 1.25 per cent for buying and 1 per cent for selling (including stamp duty, commission and VAT).

When the company's 1 per cent management charge is added, the pep needs to outpace a building society by 5 per cent a year to show a net profit. Thus, at current interest rates, the FT-SE 100 would need to rise to 6150 over the next five years.

I look forward to the day when newspaper articles tell the full story.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. SCOTT,
20 Beechwood Avenue,
Finchley.



Claims conflict on best rate of return

From Mr Alan Mills

Sir, I was interested in various articles on fraud and "operations" by non-registered financial services individuals in the weekend press, including *The Times*, and also in your article on the Walthamstow Building Society and its 90-day account, which might be termed "sailing close to the wind".

What I cannot understand is how the Bristol and West claims it is offering in the Saturday issue the best interest on Instant Access at 11.5 per cent on balances of £50,000, whereas your article indicates that the C&G London Share Account offers 12.25 per cent, which also claims instant access on as little as £2,500.

How best is best? It seems to me the regulators could usefully spend some of their time ensuring that all advertisements were correct and in no way misleading to the general public. The whole financial services world is a jungle and the regulators hardly appear to be entitled to call themselves such.

Yours sincerely,
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'No requirement' for mandatory debits

From Mr J.R. Anderson

Sir, Regarding direct debits, those who dislike the practice might be interested to know that Sun Alliance have made them mandatory for their Health First policyholders wishing to transfer to a policy eligible for health insurance tax relief.

But not only has this resulted in a hefty, annual 13.7 per cent loading on the premium for "increased administration", it is accompanied by the statement that it is necessary "to enable us to claim the appropriate tax refunds from the Inland Revenue and conform to their audit requirements".

Surprised by this latter claim I took the matter up with my member of parliament. This produced from Peter Lilley, then Secretary to the Treasury, a clear assurance that "there is no requirement by the Inland Revenue, nor by the government, that premiums must be paid monthly, or that they must be paid by direct debit in order to be eligible for relief".

Even more surprisingly, the Office of Fair Trading stated that the matter was outside their remit.

Yours faithfully,
J.R. ANDERSON,
4 Vardon Drive,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.
July 21.

Suspicious customers have nothing to fear from modern methods of banking

From Mr Michael Pitfield

Sir, Some of your correspondents about direct debits are a suspicious lot! Companies using the system to illegally get their hands on customers' money — what rubbish. I have dozens of direct debit arrangements and find them greatly preferable to the standing order system which involved me in endless administration and still often went wrong.

As for control (Frank Grenfell July 21) I have complete control over my bank account through my monthly statement — if anything is amiss, which it rarely is, a quick phone call puts this right.

I, for one, am all for these modern methods. Your piece on First Direct Bank was excellent too, as is the service they provide. I "signed up" earlier this year transferring direct debits and all!

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL PITFIELD
Duffield Lane,
Stoke Poges,
Buckinghamshire.

Property options for mature student

From Ms Joan Morrison

Sir, I am planning to give up work this summer and return to university to study law as a mature graduate student. I will not be eligible for a grant or for any form of government benefit or trust income that I can discover.

Is it best to buy a small property outright or to have a small mortgage and retain some cash from the sale of my present house?

If I do the latter, will I be taxed on capital gains and thus lose valuable cash?

I plan to do freelance work, should I register as self-employed?

Will I be eligible for any social security benefits?

Yours sincerely,
JOAN MORRISON,
2 Gillespie Street,
Edinburgh, EH1.

As you do not give us any details of your likely level of freelance earnings or of your other financial circumstances while you are at university, it is difficult for us to advise you in detail.

However, the following comments may be helpful:

● Taking out a mortgage would enable you to preserve some of your capital in case of an emergency, but you do need to be sure that you can afford to service the mortgage payments out of your income. Also it may not be easy to raise a mortgage if your income is only quite low.

● Taking out a mortgage should not, in itself, affect your entitlement to exemption from capital gains tax on either your old residence or your new one as your principal private residence. However, other factors may be relevant.

● You will need to include your freelance earnings in your annual tax return although this will probably only require a very simple account. Formal registration, as such, is not required for income tax purposes, but when you finish your present employment you should advise the Inspector of Taxes, sending him the P45 from your last employer, as it may be possible to arrange some interim tax repayment for this year. However, if your freelance fees, i.e. before expenses, are likely to exceed £25,400 a year, you may need to consider registration for VAT purposes.

● Your eligibility to social security benefit will depend on your availability for work, on your income and on your level of savings. You should seek advice from your local DSS office or from your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Cost of cashing cheques more like usury

From E.P. Lloyd

Sir, Margaret Dibben has written about the cost of cashing a personal cheque in another currency.

There is no need to travel outside the United Kingdom to incur outrageous cheque charges.

Since the split up of Midland Bank and Clydesdale Bank, no English bank has a countrywide network in Scotland, and vice versa. Consequently, if you are not prepared to use cash machines (and I am not) cash can only be obtained by paying charges more related to usury than to banking.

During a recent stay in North Berwick, Lothian, I was offered the following options when trying to cash a NatWest cheque: Royal Bank, £3.00 for a £50 cheque; Bank of Scotland, 50p for £50, and £5.00 for £100; Clydesdale, £2.00 for £50.

I believe that the Scots incur similar charges in England and Wales.

Yours faithfully,
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4 Cherry Street,
Bingham, Nottingham.

Illness a barrier to interest-free credit

From Ms H. Corkery

Sir, Like your correspondent Mrs Keith (July 21), I have found an annoying disadvantage in attempting hire purchase. Because illness prevents me from going to a store and signing the contract there, I cannot avail myself of interest-free credit.

Yours faithfully,
H. CORKERY,
52 Harrison Close,
Reigate, Surrey.

WEEKEND MONEY

Antony Barnett with a cautionary tale for owners of large dogs

Watch out for man's best fiend

OWNERS of certain breeds of dogs could find themselves liable for large compensation claims if their dog attacks a third party or causes an accident, even though they have pet insurance.

Equine and Livestock, a leading animal insurer, has failed to state clearly in renewal notices that its policy now excludes certain breeds from its third party cover.

The notice merely points out that the "policy wording has been substantially updated and will be sent to you on your renewal, but a copy, in any event, is available prior to renewal, on request."

Jeff Bailey, a manager at Paul J Geoffrey Associates, an insurance broker, had Jason, his German shepherd, insured with Equine and Livestock for four years. When his renewal notice came through he signed it and sent off his payment.

When he read his policy he was surprised to discover halfway down page three that "Rottweiler, Doberman, Pit Bull, Staffordshire bull and German shepherd, whether full or part breed" are excluded from third party cover.

He said: "It is very worrying. Many people do not bother to read policy documents or try and just can't understand them. I decided to practise what I preach and read through the small print. I couldn't believe that Jason had effectively been uninsured for two months.

"I took out the policy primarily for the third party cover. Although Jason is well mannered, like any dog he can strike out in fear or chase a cat and run into the road." Mr Bailey cancelled his policy and obtained a pro rata refund on the remaining terms of his policy, but received no apology.

Best behaviour — now: Jeff Bailey with Jason the German shepherd in docile mood

Chris Griffin, Equine & Livestock's general manager, said: "There was publicity given to our decision at the time. Our renewal notice does bring to attention the fact that changes have been made and refers clients to the policy document." He added: "We made the decision to exclude certain breeds after analysing our claims. We found that over 58 per cent of our claims were from German shepherds.

"It has meant that we have been able to keep our premiums down and improve our range of benefits. We can now cover dogs throughout their lifetime. We will refund fully from the inception date any premiums paid to those policyholders concerned."

Mr Griffin admitted there has been a "slow trickle" of cancellations, but he said there has been an increasing take-up of the policy for those owners who do not wish their premiums to rise through no fault of their own dog.

Although there is concern in the pet insurance industry over the recent spate of dog attacks, other pet insurers such as Dog Breeders and Pet Plan do not operate third party breed exclusions. They refuse to insure the American pit bull at all on the grounds that it is not a breed recognised by the Kennel Club.

Douglas Simpson, the chairman of Pet Plan, said: "Taking out dog insurance is the sign of a responsible owner and we do not wish to penalise this."

Geoff Fox, the claims manager at Dog Breeders, conceded that there has been an increase in the number of personal injury claims for certain breeds, but put this down to "media hype". He also disagrees with pointing the blame at specific breeds.

He said: "Of course, a bigger dog is likely to cause more damage purely because of its size. There may be more Alsation attacks, but that is because they are such a popular breed. In my experience there is no evidence to back up claims that certain breeds are more likely to attack."

Mr Fox said some household policies do cover liability for domestic pets, but he warns dog owners to check carefully as compensation could turn out to be very costly. One case that he is dealing with at the moment is of a professional model who was bitten in the face.

She has been undergoing intensive plastic surgery and her face is permanently disfigured. She will never model again. The owner was deemed responsible and the claim is likely to be settled at £14,000.

But the most frequent third party claims are those where a dog runs in front of a moving vehicle.

If the vehicle happens to be an articulated lorry, and the driver swerves to miss the dog, then skids and crashes into a shop killing several people, it is understandable why there is concern that dog owners are not insured for third party liability.

One idea that has been mooted is that third party insurance for dogs should be compulsory for all owners, similar to motor insurance. However, the government's reluctance to introduce a dog registration scheme means that it is unlikely this will ever come to pass. It remains up to individual owners or their brokers to keep on guard.

WEEKEND MONEY

Glimmer of hope on housing front

COMMENT

JIM BIRRELL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE HALIFAX

The summer of 1988 was the turning point for the British housing market. The recession that followed was severe by post-war standards, but there are signs that the worst is over. The bottom will probably be seen later this year, and there will be a firm recovery in 1991.

As demand picks up, prices will start to rise again, but not until unsold stocks of houses are cleared, and certainly not at the inflated rates seen in 1987-88.

The recovery in the market is partly cyclical, and partly because we expect interest rates to be two or three percentage points lower by the end of next year. If interest rates do not fall, the recovery will be put off until 1992.

The current cycle in the housing market is fairly typical of the post-war period. Real house prices, the change in house prices in relation to the retail price index, have fallen by just as much in previous recessions. The market recovered strongly in the five years following the recession of 1974-75.

These boom/bust cycles in the housing market, although familiar, are not particularly helpful either to our borrowers or to the British economy. If the authorities managed macro-economic, and especially interest rate policy, in a more stable manner, then sharp swings in the market could be avoided, to everyone's advantage.

Looking to the medium term, prospects for owner-occupied housing are good. Despite the widely predicted "demographic downturn" in the number of 15 to 25-year-olds, there will actually be higher numbers of those aged 30 to 35, a prime age group for owner-occupation.

Home-ownership currently stands at 67 per cent, and we expect it to reach 75 per cent by the year 2000. Our prediction is based on the clear and explicit preferences of householders, particularly young people.

Most borrowers are concerned with today's very high level of mortgage rates, and want to know when they might fall.

Over the next one to two years, prospects for interest rates are linked to inflation expectations, to the balance of payments, and to the strength of sterling, assumed to be within the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM).

Low point

We would expect base rates to fall during 1991-92, possibly to a low point of 11 or 12 per cent by late 1991. This would suggest that mortgage rates might be in the 12 to 13 per cent range by the end of 1991. Prospects beyond 1991 depend upon the government's success in holding retail inflation down to 5 per cent or below — necessary if sterling is to stay in the ERM without frequent realignments. Given success on this front — by no means certain — interest rates could edge down towards 10 per cent by the mid-1990s.

Prospects for building society savers, who outnumber borrowers by six to one, are good. Worldwide competition for investable funds will ensure rates paid to personal savers are attractive — probably more than 3 per cent above inflation.

British savers will be helped by the availability of gross rates for non-taxpayers and by the new tax-free, Tessa savings schemes next year. And a major new trend will be the flow of money from inheritances. Many people in their forties and fifties, who never considered themselves wealthy, are inheriting large sums from parents' property. Savings institutions recognise this. The Halifax, for example, has just increased the interest rate it pays on balances over £30,000, because we see more and more of our members being able to invest such sums.

Looking to the future of the building society movement, the outlook is good. Societies still have the dominant share of mortgage lending — over 70 per cent — and are proving their ability to innovate, to improve the quality of lending, to control risks and, most importantly, to keep their costs down to levels which give them a key advantage over the banks.

Increased competition, the growing burdens of legislation and regulation, the capital spending needed for information technology and distribution, and the need to widen the range of services, all point to continuing mergers in the industry.

Such mergers are still more likely than "takeovers" of societies by foreign banks. Not only would such takeovers be complex, time-consuming and costly, but they would also inject additional lending capacity into an already well-supplied market.

Mutual building societies operate efficiently and are very responsive to their members' needs. They experience the same competitive pressures as public companies, but are immune from acquisitive and destabilising stock market pressures.

To compete and thrive in the 1990s we will need to ensure that the law and the regulatory system creates a level playing field. The industry and its regulators are already giving thought to the changes that might be necessary by the mid-1990s. With the right improvements to the law, the concept of mutuality that has served home-owners and savers so well for 150 years can certainly survive into the next century.

Hidden pitfalls created by the taxman's secret rulings

MANY practical decisions affecting taxpayers stay off the public record, despite a mountain of tax legislation and a yearly finance bill to put the Budget into action. Even accountants can be left in the dark (writes Barbara Ellis).

Decisions by the appeal commissioners are the prime example. Results of appeals involving VAT are published, but the more numerous cases relating to income and capital gains taxes are not.

A finance bill proposal to start publishing all commissioners' decisions was dropped ten years ago, mainly on grounds of cost.

So news of what may be landmark judgments is left to filter gradually through to accountants, either in reports of private meetings between Inland Revenue officials and the Institute of Chartered Accountants or in letters to professional journals from people who have won complicated appeals.

"We are very much in the dark in quite large areas of tax," said Mavis Seymour, of Stoy Hayward. An accountant might read a case given favourable treatment, but could be unaware of two others on the same point given the opposite way.

Another largely unknown factor is the Inland Revenue's practical application of the tax law. Sometimes provisions can be completely overriden by what is known as an "extra-statutory concession".

"Concessions are designed to cover minor anomalies at the margins of the tax code that it's not worth legislating about," said an Inland Revenue spokesman. "Taxpayers or practitioners might write to us or it might be a problem we pick up ourselves."

Judges have often expressed disapproval of this seemingly haphazard way of altering the law, by arrangement between ministers and the Revenue without reference to parliament. But their remarks have done nothing to stem the growth in concessions.

The latest Inland Revenue listings cover 212 extra-statutory concessions, 74 of them applying to individuals on matters of income tax and interest on tax. The wording of concessions tends to alter with each publication of the Revenue's booklets, sometimes bringing substantial changes to tax practice.

On the last occasion, accountants spotted a change in the treatment of employees receiving free or subsidised meals. Previously, the practice had been not to charge employees on the benefit of free or subsidised meals in a staff canteen if the meals were "on a reasonable scale" and if all staff had access.

But the latest version of the concession also allows an alternative: for the employer to give free or subsidised meal vouchers to staff for whom meals are not provided.

The Revenue notes that this particular concession derives from a parliamentary statement in 1949 and formalises a practice "already substantially in the public domain".

One of the most frequently-used concessions allows taxpayers to ignore temporary absences of up to a year in determining whether a property is their main residence for mortgage interest relief.

People sent abroad by their employers are allowed a temporary absence of up to four years and in the most recent alteration to the concession Crown servants posted abroad can claim for the full duration of their posting.

But concessions are not applied as of right. "The concessions . . . are of general application, but it must be borne in mind that in a particular case there may be special circumstances which will require to be taken into account in considering the application of the concession," cautions the Revenue.

"A concession will not be given in any case where an attempt is made to use it for tax avoidance."

Ms Seymour said: "Avoidance is open to interpretation. You might have a case that seems very similar to a concession and the Revenue will say the motive for what you have done is tax."

Taxpayers would be unable to appeal against a decision to disallow a concession, as it does not involve a regulation or a point of law, she added.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said that tax offices were usually notified of concessions and should act on them, but that it would be "as well" for taxpayers to mention them. The snag is that not all concessions are published.

Accountants may often discover unpublished concessions by chance, when clients reveal special treatment granted by the Revenue to certain occupations. Many trade unions and professional associations have also negotiated unpublished special deals.

Suspended adviser clashed with clients and officials

By TONY HETHERINGTON

A FINANCIAL adviser who threatened an official attempting to carry out a spot check on his books and records has been suspended by Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Assocation.

And Alan Cleveley, from Derbyshire, has clashed with the authorities before, as well as his own clients, it was revealed after the suspension.

Mr Cleveley, who traded under his own name as a financial adviser in Mickleover, Derby, has been ordered to freeze his investment business, and all its assets and bank accounts.

The order came after he was visited by a Fimbra compliance officer.

Fiona Monro, Fimbra's director of communications, said: "Random checks may be made at any time, and the member must co-operate with the Fimbra officer and produce any necessary records."

Mr Cleveley told the compliance officer that he did not intend to let him see any of his business records, and he forced him to leave the premises.

Fimbra's chief executive used his emergency powers to suspend Mr Cleveley from business the next day, and this week the suspension was extended indefinitely and made public.

Miss Monro said: "If somebody says we cannot look at their books, we take it very seriously.

"The main consequence of suspending Mr Cleveley is that it puts all the life companies and similar businesses on notice that they should not have any dealings with him.

"Mr Cleveley joined Fimbra in September 1988. He was in our B2 category until last December, when he went down to A2. The main differences are that B2 members may handle clients' money and they can also manage broker bonds. Members in the A2 category may do neither of these things. They mainly sell life assurance, pension funds, and unit trusts."

Suspended: Alan Cleveley threatened an official

Mr Cleveley has previously come into conflict with the authorities over the use of the title "insurance broker", a designation he has used on his headed notepaper, despite the fact that he is not registered with the Insurance Brokers Registration Council.

The council has warned Mr Cleveley that soliciting business by falsely claiming to be a broker is an offence. Alison Carr, deputy registrar of the IBRC, said she had told Mr Cleveley that under a 1977 law only registered individuals or companies enrolled with the council are entitled to describe themselves as insurance brokers.

"If people persist, we have the power to prosecute them and they can be fined up to £2,000," she added.

Mr Cleveley is also currently embroiled in a legal battle with a client.

Ivor Daly, a pensioner from North Wales, invested through Mr Cleveley in Scottish Mutual unit trusts. Shortly after the investment was made, all Mr Daly's money was switched to a different fund, and soon after that it was switched back again. The net result was a loss of about £2,700.

Mr Daly found that his signature and that of his wife appeared on documents held by Scottish Mutual.

In a letter published in *The Sunday Times*, he complained that the signatures were not genuine.

Mr Daly also made a complaint to Derbyshire police who telephoned Mr Cleveley to invite him to call at a police station to discuss the matter. Mr Cleveley refused, and hung up.

He was arrested the same day and questioned, but no charges were brought.

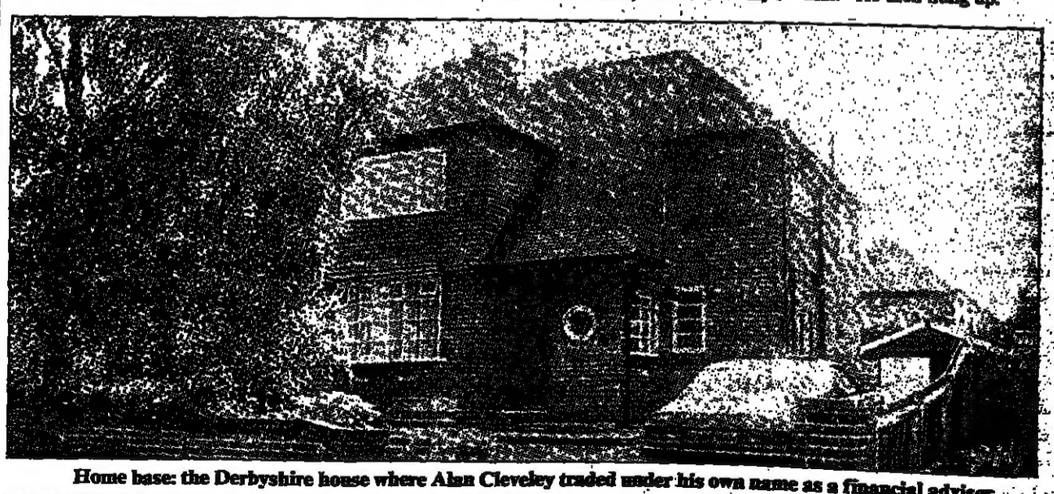
Mr Cleveley, who only four weeks ago was still describing himself in legal documents as an insurance broker, is now suing Mr Daly for libel, claiming that in letters to the police, the press, and Scottish Mutual it had been alleged that he was a forger.

In a defence filed with the High Court, Mr Daly and his solicitors say: "The plaintiff (Mr Cleveley) asked for discretionary powers to deal with the defendant's investments and the defendant expressly refused to grant him such powers."

They claim: "The plaintiff (Mr Cleveley) wrote "I.K. Daly" and "R. Daly" . . . in such a manner as to suggest that they were in fact the signatures of the defendant and his wife." Mr Daly is counter-suing Mr Cleveley for damages for breach of contract.

Asked this week whether he had now ceased to act as a financial intermediary, Mr Cleveley replied that the question was "impertinent".

Told that Fimbra had announced his suspension, Mr Cleveley said: "Good day to you, if Fimbra has told you that." He then hung up.



Home base: the Derbyshire house where Alan Cleveley traded under his own name as a financial adviser

'Too busy' to invest £10,000 cheque

By JON ASHWORTH

WHEN John Gillman-Smith decided to pay £10,000 towards his pension, he expected it to be paid in promptly. So it came as a shock to find that his money had not been invested a month after he posted his cheque.

Mr Gillman-Smith made the cheque out to Clerical Medical as an additional voluntary contribution (AVC) towards his pension. When he contacted his local office, he was told his cheque had not been cashed because the branch was "too busy".

"If it takes over a month to bank a cheque it doesn't give you much confidence in their ability to manage investments," said Mr Gillman-Smith, who felt he had suffered a double loss. Apart from the inconvenience of not having his money invested, he had lost more than £100 in interest.

Mr Gillman-Smith, who is in his early fifties, is no stranger to the world of investment. He makes regular contributions towards an NPI personal pension, and has begun making top-up payments to boost the value of his pension as retirement draws nearer.

"I've held an investment bond with Clerical Medical since 1984 and have been happy with the performance. I withdrew the money from my Cheltenham & Gloucester London Share Account, which pays high interest, and agreed with my accountant to put 40 per cent of the AVC into a with-profits fund and invest the balance in unit-linked funds. The application form came through very quickly."

A cheque was posted by recorded delivery late in June, but nothing was heard for some weeks. Then a letter arrived from Clerical Medical, saying the contribution would be backdated to early July, even though the cheque had yet to be cashed.

Mr Gillman-Smith telephoned the manager of his local branch. "He said the cheque had been received but they were too busy to pay it in. My cheque can't be the only one. Hundreds of thousands of pounds must be involved."

Clerical Medical has since paid in the cheque and said £50 would be added to the contribution to make up for the loss of interest. The company admitted it was taking longer than it would like to process new applications, but said Mr Gillman-Smith's case was far from common.

Julian Mounsey, individual pensions marketing manager, said it appeared that the cheque had been sent to the wrong office, and it had taken time to re-route it to the right branch.

Mr Mounsey said he was surprised that Mr Gillman-Smith had been told the branch was too busy to pay the cheque in. "That's not the wording we would use. We know people do say some odd things in the heat of the moment, but we normally pay cheques in at once. I don't know why the cheque wasn't cashed earlier."

The arrival of personal pensions in 1988 created a huge tailback of orders for life companies, and many of them are still struggling to return to normal. Mr Mounsey said new policies are taking three to four weeks to process.

Beating Sainsbury — the greatest game of them all

By CAROL LEONARD

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PROFILE
Sir Ian MacLaurin

SIR Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco, aged 53, was absent from its Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, head office for six weeks in February. He was having his hip joint replaced with a man-made substitute. Just like the Bionic Man, he can be rebuilt.

Once again free from the debilitating pain that had grown to plague him, he is now as near to a perfect human being as you are ever likely to find. As if by some extra-terrestrial design.

Tall, slender, handsome and permanently suntanned, he attends church at least once a fortnight and was once a choir boy. He has a golf handicap of nine. In his youth he played cricket and football. For three years he was a member of Kent's second XI — "And then for Herts and the Minor Counties". He played football for Chelsea.

If the remuneration had been better he would, he says, have loved to have been a professional sportsman. But at the age of 22 he swopped sport for business and perhaps predictably, given the benefit of hindsight, those same finely-honed competitive instincts have led him into the most challenging and serious sport of them all. The multi-billion pound inter-board room battle between Tesco and arch-rival Sainsbury, to be top of the league in the food retailing industry.

When he speaks about management, he speaks only about "team-work". "Since I've been chairman, we've never taken a vote about anything," he boasts. "We just talk it all through, with lots of strong opinions being expressed, and in the end it becomes obvious which is the best way forward." He admits to being "burningly ambitious" but insists that his ambition is for "the company and the people in it".

In the five years since he became chairman he has transformed the company from its "pile 'em high and sell 'em cheap" days of the 1950s and 60s when its founder, the legendary Sir Jack Cohen, was at the helm.

MacLaurin points out that the carefully structured plan to change direction at Tesco had been in place since at least the early 1980s, but it was nevertheless his idea, in 1977, to stop giving away Green Shield stamps, a move that was to become a turning point in the company's fortunes. He was also the man behind the relentless drive to take Tesco up-market. And it is largely because of him that Tesco's shares have outperformed the retail sector in the stock market by 120 per cent during the past decade. He has had his reward too. He earned £500,000 last year.

"He hasn't put a foot wrong," said one City analyst. "The business is very strong indeed," MacLaurin agrees, "probably one of the finest retail businesses you'll find anywhere."

In the past six months he has become overtly bullish about Tesco, his inbuilt caution blowing in the wind, and people have started to notice that too. When he talks about Sainsbury he tries to sound indifferent. "If we don't overtake them, then so be it." But clever sportsmen always underplay their hand. Golfers who know him are convinced that his handicap is less than nine. "He always plays to win," confides one colleague.

The two firms are now neck and neck in terms of their share of the British grocery market. Each has 15 per cent. But when it comes to profitability, Sainsbury still has the edge. It can claim margins of 7 per cent. Tesco's are closer to 6.4 per cent. The gap is narrowing but it is nevertheless this statistical comparison which exercises MacLaurin's mind more than anything else.

"We are very competitive, but we don't let it affect our personal relationships. We have a mutual respect." He meets Lord Sainsbury often at functions. But they never invite each other to dinner.

"We have a totally different culture at Tesco. We are very much a team and I think of myself as the captain. The majority of the main board were selected by me some years ago; as the high fliers in the company, and now they are there. We are all professional business people. Sainsbury is very much a family company still. We're as different as chalk and cheese."

MacLaurin has already gone down in the history books as Cohen's first ever management trainee. Since taking over as chairman from his predecessor, Sir Leslie Porter — husband of the Westminster Council leader who, in turn, is Cohen's daughter — he can also lay claim to being both the first non-family member and first gentile to reach the top.

It was a chance meeting with Cohen in the Grand Hotel at Eastbourne 32 years ago that led MacLaurin into this unlikely career. A ten-day cricket tour in the south coast town coincided with Cohen's annual holiday there. "We used to dress for dinner every night, and Jack was quite taken by these young chaps in dinner jackets. He came and introduced himself, bought us drinks and gave us all his card. He said to us all, 'If any of you fellows ever want a job come and see me'." MacLaurin, already employed as a trainee engineer, was the only one to take Cohen at his word.

"I had a most bizarre interview with him. He said, 'I'm sure you want a job,' and I said I didn't, I was just interested to know about his business. He asked what I was earning — £900 a year — and he said that if I joined him he would also pay me £900 a year but, after six months, if he liked me, he would put me on £1,000 a year and give me a company car. I took it. It was the car that sealed it, I was driving around in an old van at the time."

But his decision was not taken without familial opposition. The son of a Scottish civil servant, and brought up in Blackheath, he was, he says, closer to his Welsh mother — "She was more like me, very cool and placid." And she was horrified when he accepted the offer. "They had sent me to Malvern College, Worcestershire, spent a lot of money on my education and she was aghast that I should want to join a company like that."

That Tesco stigma now all but buried, both of MacLaurin's daughters, Fiona and Gillian, work for the firm, although his son Neil has followed in his sporting footsteps, playing cricket for Middlesex, and now worksin sports promotion instead.

MacLaurin's first job at Tesco was loading lorries in the warehouse. "I then managed stores, groups of stores, I bought meat, fruit and vegetables in Covent Garden. I went through the whole of the business in four or five years."

On his relationship with Cohen, he admits they "fought like cat and dog", but adds, "I always felt close to him, we respected each other enormously — I probably shouldn't say this but I think I was perhaps the son he never had."

But for a protégé, he can see Cohen's feet of clay with surprising clarity. "He was instrumental in breaking retail price maintenance, he was extremely high-profile and a magnificant retailer, but his administrative capabilities were not great."

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And MacLaurin admits that if Tesco had not changed in 1977, "it could very easily have gone under. We were really rocking very, very badly in the mid-70s and we had to make a fundamental change to survive."

He describes himself as a retailer too. "I have a gut feel about retailing, but I'm much more disciplined than Jack was. He was able to take decisions and if they didn't work it really didn't matter. But you're not playing around with a few thousand pounds anymore."

The days when Tesco lived "by the seat of its pants" are long gone. "I don't think there's anybody in our business who is as well researched as we are now. Or who goes to the lengths that we do to make sure that the quality of the product that we are giving the customer is as it is." Not even Marks and Spencer.

MacLaurin describes his management style as relaxed. "There's no side to people here, we are all on Christian name terms, my office door is always open." Every Tuesday and Friday, almost without fail, he tours Tesco's stores. "I go round with our executives and I talk to the customers and the managers. That's where the action is." On Saturdays he goes out alone, and pushes a trolley round one of the three Tesco stores near his Hertfordshire home.

"I buy all the things that you should never buy, cream cakes and other terrible things." He laughs. "I drive my wife to distraction. And I love buying our wines, it's great fun. I queue up. I see how the customers pay, how the check-out girls behave and then I'll talk to the manager."

"He is the managers' manager," said another City analyst. "He leads from the front. Employees in the lower echelons really appreciate him going round the stores, asking what he can do to help. I can't see Lord Sainsbury walking the boards like that."

Try as one might, it is seemingly impossible to find a single chink in MacLaurin's armour-like strategy. He is even dismissive of talk of power struggles during his absence from the office. Away for six weeks this year for his hip operation and a similar length of time last year when his wife Ann was struck down temporarily by both a heart attack and cancer, speculation about successors was rife. But according to MacLaurin, it is all perfectly under control.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, he will retire at 60 and his successor will be David Malpas, currently Tesco's managing director. Even the choice of Malpas's successor has been whittled down to a shortlist of two.

The City is certainly pleased with Tesco's performance, on all fronts, and happy also with his choice of management team. "MacLaurin is a very hard man and not always as nice as he appears. He certainly doesn't suffer fools gladly," a retail expert concluded. "He has transformed Tesco, taking it up-market both in terms of its supply chain and the store portfolio."

But when it comes to assessing the man himself, away from his trolley and desk, his City followers are not quite so sure. "He is not the sort of man you would sit down with and have a couple of beers and a good laugh," said one retail specialist, even though MacLaurin would probably disagree. Most who know him describe him as extraordinarily single-minded. "To transform Tesco in six or seven years has taken an act of will of quite frightening proportions," said another.

He likened him to a father obsessive about his son's success. Once the son has established himself, the father is filled with an enormous sense of pride and achievement. But then there is nothing else left.

Yet in MacLaurin's case the analogy is not that simple. For in a way, he is like the son himself, who is only now — with his duty all but done — able to mature as a man in his own right.

He talks with almost childish delight of his non-executive directorships. Brought on to the board of Guinness in 1986 to help steer it through its troubles, he is clearly touchingly flattered. And last month he added National Westminster Bank too.

Analysts who have remarked about his recent bullishness about Tesco conclude, no doubt accurately, that since he is by nature cautious, he would not be blowing his own trumpet unless he really did believe his job there was all but done.

"He's like a man who's bought himself a new suit," says a company chairman, who has known him for years. "It doesn't quite fit yet. He's got to grow into it, but he will."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Ever the sportsman: Sir Ian and Lady MacLaurin practise golf in the garden of their Hertfordshire home

Knee-high by the fourth of July

CAPITAL
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FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN LOS ANGELES

HOBOS rummaging through Los Angeles's public refuse bins are among a rare group of people actually making a profit from a three-year campaign to recycle rubbish and save LA County from an impending disaster forecast within two years.

The homeless, jobless and destitute seek the aluminum, glass and plastic fizzy drinks containers on which the state of California, through the local supermarkets, will refund a few cents on each item as part of the recycling campaign started in 1987. For many who take the bottle back it represents a regular income and a profit, given they did not lay out any money for the original drink.

The well-organised collect drinks cans in a wire supermarket trolley which they wheel from one litter bin to another, guarding the contents with zeal. Aluminum cans are the most favoured item, fetching 2 cents each, or 93 cents for a pound in weight. Some beer bottles can be worth 10 cents each. Newspapers are worth only half a cent a pound.

But few others in the recycling industry are making a cent. A spokesman for a supermarket group which operates 23 recycling points said: "At the moment this is not cost-effective. We're trying to reduce the cost by installing automatic reverse vending machines. We've found few people are making any profit at this."

Others who collect the rubbish, which is to be used again, said the recycling markets are still much too volatile. One commented: "Some weeks the glass industry wants all you've got and then during others it doesn't want anything." Los Angeles is currently recycling 10,000 tons of rubbish a day, which according to experts, is still not enough. LA County's target is for a quarter of its rubbish to go for recycling by 1995.

Where there's trash there's cash

Its tips can barely keep pace with the 50,000 tons of non-recycled rubbish thrown out each day by the more than eight million households within the county. Solid waste disposal experts predict the metropolis will run out of places to bury waste by 1992 unless landfill permits are extended rapidly, other fresh sites are found, and the recycling programme is stepped up. That will begin to gather pace in two months when the city's six-month-old special recycling unit starts a $20 million scheme for kerbside collection of paper, bottles, glass and metal from the 720,000 households in the inner city.

However, this is unlikely to prove a swift panacea to the county-wide problem, or its own. The cramped city of Los Angeles has nowhere to park new trucks designed to collect the recyclable rubbish. Its fleet of 700 trucks has only one car park, which means the new recycling programme will have to be phased in as soon as there is space to accommodate the trucks. As a result, it will take Los Angeles three years to deliver 720,000 bright yellow plastic crates (25 per cent of the material is recycled plastic) to 720,000 householders for their recyclable waste.

And according to today's estimates, at the current rate of progress, Los Angeles will be knee-deep in rubbish before the city has time to deliver the final 200,000 crates. Mr William George, the recycling co-ordinator for Los Angeles County, said: "We're in a crisis. The planning process for landfill schemes takes between two and three years because of the public opposition. Permits for many of our existing landfills expire in two years.

"Even if we get 25 per cent recycling by 1995, we still have to throw away 45,000 tons of rubbish on landfills which are already close to capacity. "It's like a man jumping from a building — as he passes the windows of those in the administrative offices they see him for a split second and then he's gone. But those of us outside can see the whole picture of the ground rushing up to him. And that's how we feel — at the moment the ground, deep in garbage, is rushing up," he said.

When 'H' stands for highway robbery

Thousands of people took to the roads this week with their new H-registration cars but, Vince McCullough explains, they have paid dearly for the privilege

Love at second sight: Nicky Short and Bob Lomas with their Opel Corsa on which they saved £1,400 by importing from Belgium

BRITISH motorists often receive rather a raw deal from car makers and salesmen.

They pay more for their cars than similar models sold elsewhere in the European community and are frequently overcharged on delivery costs.

Which? magazine found that these charges ranged from £125 for a Montego 2.0 DL to £325 for a Mitsubishi Shogun. A Mr Brown from Glasgow was even quoted £700 delivery for a Nissan Micra.

Most drivers do not care because they are among the 62 per cent who have company cars. Few of the rest can be bothered to haggle with dealers or shop around in Britain and the rest of Europe. Yet, if a buyer takes the time and trouble, he or she can save up to a third in other EC countries.

Britons purchasing a car abroad do not have to pay tax in the country of origin. Instead they face a double bill on their return, paying car tax (10 per cent of five-sixths of the price) and VAT. But good savings are there to be made.

The European Community is moving towards a single market in goods and services by 1992, which means that, buying or hiring a car should cost about the same in Manchester or Munich. There is an EC rule that net prices for cars in community countries should not differ by more than 12 per cent, but it is often flouted.

A recent report by the European Bureau of Consumer Organisations (BUEC) found that an MG Metro, which could be bought in Belgium (an officially unrestricted country) for £5,476 (including tax and vat), cost £7,610 in Britain, with delivery charges extra. Move up the range and the differential is even greater. Buy a Citroen CX 22 TRS in Bradford instead of Brussels and it will cost £2,115 more at £17,020. The average difference in car prices between Belgium and Britain was 31 per cent; the pre-tax price of cars in Britain was on average 61 per cent higher than in Denmark.

Why do the British pay too much? Apart from their own laziness, makers try to keep national markets apart, sustaining large price differences, and do all they can to prevent shopping around Europe for the best deal. This is understandable when prices have been traditionally high in Britain, partly due to high company-car ownership, unlike most member states. Like lawyers and accountants, makers charge what they think the market will bear and the government does not want to lose any of the annual £4.4 billion from car tax and VAT.

On top of that, different tax regimes distort prices. For example, in Denmark the taxman's cut on the price of a new car is 110 per cent, so makers keep the pre-tax price as low as possible. Much is made by some makers of different technical standards but most are very slight.

Although an imported car must meet all the criteria to obtain a national type approval (NTA) certification, find the right dealer abroad and he should be able to supply a car to British specifications. Indeed, under EC law any dealer who supplies a left-hand drive car must be free to order a right-hand drive (to British specifications) from the maker.

There are companies which offer to import cars for you, although the buyer has to collect the vehicle. But there can be problems. Take the case of Edward Cheasman, a company secretary of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Responding to an advertisement in *The Sunday Times*, he ordered a Honda Accord. It seemed a bargain at £9,318 (including £340 extra for a sunroof), a £2,000 saving on the British price. He paid a 15 per cent deposit of £1,397 and was quoted a delivery date "in excess of 12 weeks".

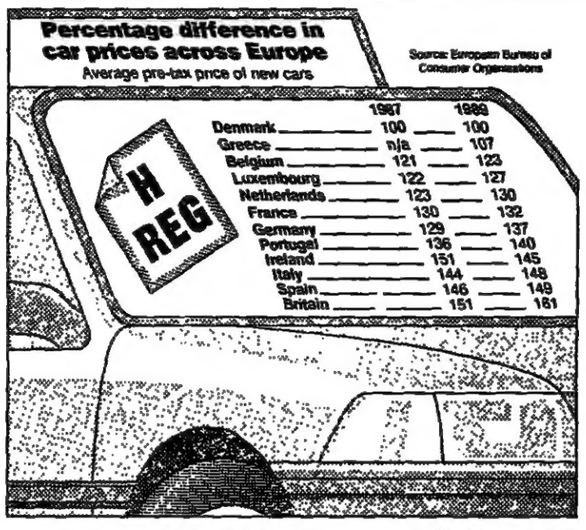
It certainly was. After six months and constant phone calls and letters of complaint, Mr Cheasman still did not have his car. In between, the company cheekily offered him his Honda at a higher price – £2,000 more. Mr Cheasman contacted his lawyer and the company agreed to refund his deposit less 25 per cent.

Importing agencies are not regulated and are difficult to check. If you are unsure, do it yourself. Perhaps the most difficult part is finding a continental dealer willing or able to sell. Forget about approaching British makers, most will attempt to dissuade you. One prospective importer was told that due to import duties, the cost would be more than in Britain. In fact, there is no such duty on cars.

Carmakers should, however, be able to supply lists of European dealers. The Automobile Association* also offers a service for car importers and provides names, addresses and telephone numbers of continental dealers (and, if needed, will help with the import paperwork). And the Consumers' Association** publishes an importer's action pack.

A prospective buyer will need patience. Pick up the telephone and be prepared for any number of excuses why you cannot have the car of your choice. That is what happened to Roger Guillebaud, a chartered accountant from Drewsteignton near Exeter. He wanted a right-hand drive Subaru 1800. "C'est impossible", said Belgian dealers. Most Danish dealers, too, were unwilling or unable to help. Mr Guillebaud finally settled on the only car on offer – a left-hand drive from a Danish dealer. Although not the car he wanted, it saved him £3,500 on the right-hand drive equivalent in Britain.

Companies which refuse to supply a right-hand drive vehicle are acting illegally. Likewise dealers who say a right-hand drive will cost the same as a British-bought car. It should cost the same as a left hand-drive in the country of purchase. Some dealers will claim the maker will not honour guarantees or warranties in Britain. This is against the law but long delivery times, often used to put off buyers, are not.



Such obstacles are not insurmountable. Nicky Short, a 24-year-old interior designer from Luton, Bedfordshire, saved 20 per cent on the cost of her new car. Miss Short and Bob Lomas, her boyfriend, decided to buy a new Fiesta in Europe rather than a second-hand one in Britain.

Last autumn, with the help of the AA listings, they contacted Ford dealers in Holland, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. The dealers either refused, quoted a year's delivery or pretended to have language problems after answering the telephone in impeccable English. "Sorry", said one in Antwerp. "Love to do business but Ford won't supply right-hand drive cars".

Giving up the hunt for a new Fiesta, they decided to seek their second choice, a Vauxhall Nova SR 1.4, which is sold in Europe as the Opel Corsa 1.4 GT.

At Ostend, the first port of call, the couple met Peter Provoost, a dealer for Isuzu as well as GM. He told them an Opel Corsa to British specifications would not be a problem. Furthermore, everything could have been done by telephone and letter.

To make sure, Mr Lomas went to Ostend in August 1989. The asking price was BFr350,000. Without too much problem, a price of BFr330,000 was negotiated free of Belgium's 25 per cent tax – £5,156 at the then exchange rate, but £5,690 at the rate 12 weeks later when they took delivery. That included tinted glass and central locking, standard on the Nova but not on the Corsa, alloy wheels and a sunroof as extras, without which the price would have been £454 cheaper.

There are a number of important lessons here. First, don't worry too much about the exchange rate "loss" between order and delivery unless financing the purchase from savings. That way you can convert into Belgium francs immediately and so eliminate any adverse exchange-rate shifts, while losing only the interest on the savings used.

Second, the delivery time is no longer than a buyer in Britain who wanted extras could expect. Third, most continental dealers expect haggling. Don't be afraid to offer less than the asking price. The firm asked for a Eurocheque for 15 per cent of the price, which would not be cashed if the deal was completed. The cheque was returned when the car was picked up. Mr Provoost also arranged insurance in Belgium for the drive to the ferry, advised on British customs formalities and even how to exchange the Dutch warranty, log book and service manual for English ones. Vauxhall exchanged them and issued type approval certification by return of post.

Taking into account all costs, including the two trips to Belgium, car tax and VAT paid to British customs, the bill was just under £7,000, compared with an on-the-road price in Britain of £8,400. This saved 17 per cent, or 22 per cent without the extras.

Miss Short paid for the car partly using savings and took out a loan from Barclays for the rest, repayable over three years at an APR of 21.6 per cent.

But if you cannot be bothered with buying a car abroad there are large discounts to be had in Britain. A recent survey by *Which?* found a dealer offering a Nissan Sunny for £1,933 less than the list price of £7,420. That was exceptional. Most discounts were about 12 per cent if the bill was met with a banker's draft.

Whether buying in Britain or Belgium, it is worth thinking about financing. The cheapest way is to use your savings. Had Miss Short done this and replaced her savings over three years, it would have cost her just under £1,000 in lost interest, whereas a loan for the full amount at 21 per cent, the cheapest, would have cost £2,300 in interest with repayments spread over three years.

Were Nicky Short and Rob Lomas just fortunate in their choice of car and dealer? Maybe. But British carmakers are coming under increasing pressure to mend their ways when Britons want to import cars from Europe.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, is investigating the European car market and allegations of breaches of EC law, including refusal to supply cars for export to Britain, threatening European dealers into not doing business with Britons by removing their franchise, and obstructing the issue of NTA-approval. BUEC has sent a copy of its report to Sir Leon and the Monopolies Commission, which is investigating British carmakers.

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The zero option takes a higher slice of the action

By Margaret Dibben

MORE than half the new cars now being driven have been bought on hire purchase.

This figure is exceptionally high for the industry and reflects a steady increase in the use of HP at a time when personal loans are being heavily advertised. It is partly explained because car manufacturers often subsidise the cost of hire purchase as part of their marketing strategy.

Ford reports that 40 per cent of its new cars are being bought on 0 per cent finance, available for one- or two-year agreements on certain cars. At the beginning of this month, Ford started a £250,000 customer care programme including the promise not to cross-sell other products to those who take out credit.

The total package a motorist can negotiate with a showroom depends on many variables, but buying on credit does not prevent you asking for a discount on the price. Consumer credit law specifically rules that the price of a car should not be related to the way you pay for it.

Finance houses will agree a net price with the dealer, who is then free to charge what he likes to the customer. If he charges the customer more, he can typically keep 70 per cent of the excess as extra profit.

Paying by hire purchase, sometimes called a conditional sale, is very different from taking out a personal loan, with some advantages and some disadvantages. HP means that you only hire the goods until you have paid for them. While you can drive the car home immediately by paying a deposit, you cannot sell the car until you have paid all the instalments because it does not belong to you until then.

You can of course pay the loan off early but, because cars depreciate in value, the amount you sell it for might not be enough to pay off the debt. You would then have to find the balance from elsewhere. This is an important point to remember if you sign a three-year agreement but want to change the car after two years.

Ford winner: 0 per cent finance

A lot depends on how much you borrow in the first place and how long you take to repay. John Patrick, director of the Consumer Credit Trade Association, recommends that his members ask for a 20 per cent deposit and take repayment over three years.

"This makes sense both for the finance company and for the consumer. This way, if the owner wants to trade in during the life of the agreement, there is a fair chance that the trade-in value will discharge the original agreement and hopefully leave a bit for the deposit on the new vehicle.

"If you have too low a deposit or too long a repayment period, that ties the customer to that car for longer than he might wish," he said.

"There are always some people who are prepared to take a nominal deposit and a rather long repayment period, although very few will take less than £100 on an HP agreement," he added.

Once you have paid one third of the price, the garage has to obtain a court order to reclaim the car should you fail to keep up with the payments. Until you have paid a third, the garage has to send a formal default notice but then is entitled to come and reclaim it.

If you find you cannot keep up the payments and have already paid half, you can take the car back and there is nothing more to pay. But the money you have already paid is deemed to be for hiring the car for that period and does not count towards the purchase price, so you will not receive a refund. If you have not paid half, the garage might demand that you make up the difference before taking the car back.

Aside from the zero rate finance, Ford dealers charge various rates of interest depending on the car and the length of the agreement, ranging from 7.5 per cent APR to 15.1 per cent. The rates for second-hand cars vary between 11.5 per cent and 14.5 per cent.

Unlike a personal loan, which is just between you and the lender, an HP contract is a three-way agreement between the lender, the customer and the supplier.

William Holden, chairman of Sewells, a training and consultancy company to the motor industry, said customers have extra protection if they buy via an HP agreement rather than a personal loan. "Implicit within the regulations are conditions that the goods are of merchantable quality so you have recourse to the lender if the car is faulty."

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